

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for four Roll Call votes in the House on Friday, September 20, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: YEA on Roll Call No. 436, Motion to Recommit H.R. 5717; NAY on Roll Call No. 437, Passage of H.R. 5717; NAY on Roll Call No. 438, Passage of H.J. Res. 136; and YEA on Roll Call No. 439, Passage of H.R. 9106.

HONORING JAN MARTINSON

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize someone who has been an important part of the Phoenix West Valley for many years, Jan Martinson.

As former President of the Sun City West Republican Club and a longtime political activist, Jan has been instrumental to the success of the West Valley.

As a leader, Jan has been an advocate for educating community members on their civic duties and supporting Republicans and their beliefs. Jan's efforts have been pivotal to the success of elected officials and the State of Arizona.

I am thankful for Jan's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled medical procedure, I was unable to be in D.C. on Thursday, September 19, 2024, and on Friday, September 20, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 432, H.R. 3724, On motion to recommit; YEA on Roll Call No. 433, H.R. 3724, the Accreditation for College Excellence Act; NAY on Roll Call No. 434, H.R. 4790, On motion to recommit; YEA on Roll Call No. 435, H.R. 4790, the GUARDRAIL Act; NAY on Roll Call No. 436, H.R. 5717, On motion to recommit; YEA on Roll Call No. 437, H.R. 5717, the Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 438, H.J. Res. 136, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted

by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Year 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles," and YEA on Roll Call No. 439, H.R. 9106, the Enhanced Presidential Security Act.

RECOGNIZING JAVIER CUEBAS

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the exemplary leadership and community service demonstrated by Javier Cuebas. He has dedicated over two decades to community advocacy, public service, and the empowerment of underrepresented voices. His advocacy and public service have earned him the prestigious Commitment to Service and Leadership Award from the Friends of Puerto Rico organization.

Mr. Cuebas served as the National Latino Advisor for President Biden's campaign during the 2020 election. He played a vital role in launching a comprehensive and culturally competent outreach campaign aimed at securing Puerto Rican votes. As chair of Grupo 21, Mr. Cuebas championed the increased diversity in the Federal Government's executive branch, presenting over 200 candidates to the current administration and mobilizing national support for Senate confirmations. His work has uplifted individuals who had not been included in the political process.

Throughout his career, Mr. Cuebas has advised various government agencies and non-profit organizations including the COVID response and the National Institute for Drug Abuse, helping to address issues ranging from Environmental Justice to treatment of migrants at the border. His portfolio is astonishing and always focuses on supporting people.

Javier Cuebas has contributed to so many through his work on Capitol Hill, assistance in three presidential elections, and his work as a bilingual spokesperson and political commentator. His work exemplifies the spirit of advocacy and commitment that uplifts our society. I want to say thank you to Mr. Cuebas and I look forward to his many future successes.

HONORING MY GRANDCHILDREN

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, as my time in the U.S. House of Representatives is coming to an end, I want to recognize my grandchildren. After six years in Congress, I have decided to return home to Arizona to spend more time with my husband, my 95-year-old mother, my sister, my brother, my three chil-

dren, and my five grandchildren. I am very blessed that they all live within a 20-minute drive from my home.

My oldest grandchild, Jeremiah Stelp, age 14, loves to play football. He now plays on the high school football team. Jeremiah excels in school and helps his mom around the house.

Malachi Stelp, age 11, loves Anime and driving off-road on his quad. He also helps his mom with chores around the house.

Ellie Lesko, age 5, is so cute. She has blonde hair and rosy cheeks and loves everything about Spiderman, including toys, backpacks, shoes, and clothes.

Brandon Stelp, Jr., age 4, comes running up to me and hugs me with a big smile that melts my heart. He loves his mud trucks and has a great imagination.

Grace Stelp, age 2, loves wearing dresses, changes her clothes multiple times a day, has curly long locks of hair and has a feisty attitude.

After my son, Joey Lesko, marries Cherie Arel in October 2024, I will have an additional official granddaughter, Scarlett, who is Cherie's daughter. Scarlett is full of energy and life and I'm looking forward to her officially joining our family.

I have been blessed with a wonderful family. May God continue to bless each and every one of us for years to come.

HONORING PROFESSOR GREGORY KASTER

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Professor Gregory Lawrence Kaster. Professor Kaster was a beloved educator and community member, who left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

A Chicago Native, Professor Kaster attended Northern Illinois University in Park Forest, Illinois to earn his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees, then earned his doctorate from Boston University. While there he met his best friend and soon to be wife, Kate Wittenstein, with whom he would have celebrated 40 years of marriage this fall.

Greg and Kate had a shared passion for Liberal Arts and lifelong dedication to making the world a better place. In 1986, they both became professors in the History Department at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Together they helped to develop the History Department into what it is today, and Professor Kaster would teach there for the rest of his life.

Professor Kaster had many teaching and research interests, including the history of labor, the 1960s, masculinity in America, abolitionism, the Civil War, dissent, and many more. In 2018, he received the Edgar M. Carlson Award—the College's highest teaching honor. He was also the inaugural holder of the

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James and Patricia McPherson Endowed Professor of American History position from 2019 to 2023. Throughout his distinguished tenure, he was known as a trusted advocate, mentor, and friend to students and faculty alike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Professor Kaster. His powerful legacy will live on through his loved ones and the generations of students whose lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING HONOR FLIGHT OF
CENTRAL OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Korean, Vietnam, and WWII War Veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who are visiting their memorials on the WWII Memorial through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon. When I have the opportunity to meet these heroes, I am reminded of President Ronald Reagan's words: "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave." Our veterans embody this spirit, having fought valiantly in Korea, Vietnam, and WWII to preserve the freedoms we hold dear. Their courage and dedication REMIND us that the price of liberty is always worth paying. It is my privilege to include in the RECORD their names.

Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: George Adams, Valton Albert, Donald Bemis, Michael Donnelly, Charles Hagadone, William Hagadone, Kenneth Hart, Joseph Hironaka, Joseph R. Hironaka, Robert Houk, Neil Hummel, Paul Lofland, Katherine Berg, Matthew Markovic, Kevin Maher, Melvin Mook, Kevin Krieger, Thomas O'Neil, Richard Patten, Robert Penney, James SantaMaria, Michael Shellito, Robert Smith, William Smith, Keith Elzner, Larry Stoke, Steven Strable, Robert Verlezza, Duane Whitehead. These heroes join over 260,000 Veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, President Harry S. Truman once stated, "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude." As a Nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and every citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave Veterans who voluntarily faced danger and adversity to preserve our country and way of life. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY CARMEN CANTOR

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the outstanding service and

leadership of Assistant Secretary Carmen G. Cantor. With over three decades of commitment to public service, she has made significant contributions to U.S. territories and the international community as a whole. Her work as Assistant Secretary has earned the prestigious Commitment to Service and Leadership Award from the Friends of Puerto Rico organization.

Ms. Cantor's career has spanned across the federal government where she succeeded at every stop. She worked as an executive within multiple bureaus of the State Department. She also held significant positions such as Director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Foreign Agricultural Service and Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at the Federal Maritime Commission, where she championed equal rights and opportunities.

Currently, Ms. Cantor works as the Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs. She carries out the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities for U.S. territories, administers federal assistance under the Compact of Free Association (COFA), and oversees international engagement, thereby advancing the Department of the Interior's mission and U.S. foreign policy.

Assistant Secretary Cantor was born in Puerto Rico and raised in the city of Mayagüez, she earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Puerto Rico and a master's degree from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, embodying the values of education and perseverance.

I want to thank Assistant Secretary Cantor for her tremendous dedication to public service. I look forward to watching her continued success.

HONORING ALEXANDER KOLODIN

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Arizona State Representative Alexander Kolodin from Legislative District 3, covering the north and east valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

Alexander is a phenomenal attorney and a staunch conservative. Since joining the Arizona Legislature in January 2023, Representative Kolodin has worked to influence and pass policies that benefit his constituents, while remaining absolutely true to his conservative values. He was extremely instrumental in helping the Rio Verde Foothills community regain a critical water supply in 2023, laboring across both sides of the aisle to find a successful solution.

Representative Kolodin has also sought to work on proposals to strengthen the state's election laws to help restore trust in our systems. He is a member of the Arizona Freedom Caucus, helping to ensure that conservative policies and processes are prioritized.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Representative Kolodin's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF SANTA
CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER
JIM HART

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary public servant for his superb service to the people of Santa Cruz County, California, Sheriff-Coroner Jim Hart.

A native of Scotts Valley, Jim Hart has served our community with the County Sheriff's office for 36 years, beginning as a Deputy in October, 1988. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998; to Lieutenant in 2006; became Chief Deputy of Corrections in 2011; and was elected Sheriff-Coroner in 2014. On August 7, 2024, he announced that he will retire on December 6, 2024.

Sheriff Hart proclaims Santa Cruz County as a wonderful place to live and work and says he wouldn't trade his career as Sheriff for any other, calling it an honor and privilege to serve. During his tenure, his leadership brought us through many difficult times including the CZU Fire, the COVID-19 pandemic, the killing of Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller and the protests following the killing of George Floyd. He served at the onset of the fentanyl crisis and formed a team to respond to it, and he instituted community policing in the County, advocated for bail reform and supported immigrant communities.

When Sheriff Hart saw the U.S. Capitol being attacked on January 6, 2021, he called me to make sure I was safe, bringing me great comfort as I was hiding with colleagues on that fateful day. I will never forget his kind words.

Sheriff Hart and his wife Jackie are the proud parents of four children: Samantha, Elle, Nadene and Noah. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada-Reno and has been an adjunct faculty member at Cabrillo College and Bethany University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring this great man of enormous integrity and professionalism and wish him every blessing in his retirement. We are a better community and a stronger country because of Sheriff Hart's leadership, making him a national treasure.

CELEBRATING THE URBAN
LEAGUE OF UNION COUNTY'S
80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate the Urban League of Union County on their 80th Anniversary. Since 1944, the Urban League has worked in Union County to assist African Americans and other underserved communities in achieving social and economic equality by providing education, housing, health services, and promoting economic self-reliance and civil rights. By working to ensure the success of individuals and families in Union County, the Urban League is truly working to

make New Jersey's 7th Congressional District a better place. I am honored to have such an amazing organization in the 7th District, and I look forward to seeing what they will continue to achieve in the future.

CELEBRATING NEON

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable achievement of the Northside Economic Opportunity Network as they break ground on their Food Entrepreneur Collective Kitchen.

NEON is an invaluable nonprofit in my district that fosters local entrepreneurship to help open and support small businesses in North Minneapolis.

North Minneapolis is a vibrant, diverse community full of drive and creativity—including aspiring small business owners striving to serve their neighborhoods. Due to historic disinvestment, it is also one of the Nation's most severe food deserts. NEON's transformative project will help to address both concerns.

Almost half of NEON's 1,000+ clients are food entrepreneurs, each of whom face the significant barrier of the Northside's lack of a commercial kitchen to grow their business. Thanks to NEON, this will no longer be the case. Their Food Business Incubator will be more than a commercial kitchen—it will provide an innovative, collaborative venue for these Northside entrepreneurs to start, thrive, and grow their business ventures. And, it will create an environment for a new generation of Northside entrepreneurs to give back to their community.

Team NEON, under Warren McLean's steadfast leadership, has worked tirelessly to make the dream of this Northside commercial kitchen a reality. I am immensely proud to have played a role in this amazing project by providing my first Community Project Funding award for \$1,000,000 for this project. Ever since, NEON has been a shining example of what these awards can accomplish and their immeasurable impact on our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating NEON on this momentous occasion. Congratulations to Team NEON.

RECOGNIZING JULIO ROLDÁN
CONCEPCIÓN

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Julio Roldán Concepción, the Mayor of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. His leadership these last four years has helped to grow and improve Aguadilla for all members of the community. His and his Administration's hard work helped Aguadilla to earn the Beacon of Economic Growth Award, presented by the Friends of Puerto Rico Organization.

Prior to his mayorship, Mr. Roldán spent his time helping and protecting his community. After high school, the Mayor joined the na-

tional guard to serve his country and community. Shortly after this, Mr. Roldán worked as a corrections officer to uphold the law in society.

In addition to his work in the armed services and corrections, Mr. Roldán worked as an insurance broker assisting individuals understand and navigate the difficulties of the insurance industry. He eventually opened his own general agency where he even assisted individuals over the radio.

One of Mayor Roldán's crowning achievements prior to his mayoral position was his assistance in Aguadilla's 2017 recovery efforts. In September of 2017 he carried out the distribution of more than 45,000 pounds of essential supplies to families and communities. After talking to and touring communities, Mr. Roldán announced his run for mayor in 2020.

I want to thank Mayor Roldán for his lifetime of hard work, and for his work the past four years for the people of Aguadilla. Furthermore, I want to honor the city of Aguadilla's 250th year and look forward to seeing their continued growth.

HONORING GINA MALONEY

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Gina Maloney, Chairwoman of Republican Legislative District 5. District 5 includes the eastern most part of the 8th Congressional District and a population of over 239,000.

Gina has worked tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. Her efforts to work collaboratively with other leaders have been instrumental to the success of Republican elected officials and candidates in the state legislature and beyond.

I am thankful for her leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to the legislative district and to the state of Arizona.

RECOGNIZING HONOR FLIGHT OF
SOUTHERN OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Korean, Vietnam, and WWII War Veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who are visiting their memorials on the Capitol Plaza through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon. When I have the opportunity to meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of President Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." Our veterans embody this spirit, having fought valiantly in Korea, Vietnam, and WWII to preserve the freedoms we hold dear. Their courage and dedication remind us that the price of liberty is always worth paying. It is my privilege to include in the RECORD their names.

Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: Kenneth Amburn, Jack Crockett, Jack Fitzgerald, Ronald Greene, Michael Grover, Roger Heegard, Ronald Hemphill, Gary Hoffman, Freddy Humble, Kevin Johnson, Wayne Kleckner, Richard Little Jr., Kenneth Marvin, Terry Moore, Gerald Newcomb, Terry Peariso, Ray Rose, David Schwab, Colben Keith Sime Jr., Jack war"Smith, Robert Stangier, Gregory Storey, Dale Vincent, Richard Vowell, William Wilde, Curtis Williams, David Young, Steven Eggert, Nathan Greene, Shasta Little, Kevin Pierson, Roy Starbeck, and Israel Wallace, Tyr Symank, Robert Symank. These heroes join over 260,000 Veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, General Douglas MacArthur once said, "The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." As a Nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and every citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave Veterans who voluntarily faced danger and adversity to preserve our country and way of life. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASADENA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo, which is proudly held in Pasadena, Texas.

The Pasadena Rodeo began in 1949 to commemorate the city's farming and ranching roots as heavy industry began to replace farmland. Its founders' goal was to unite the growing city, offer opportunities for local youth, and illustrate how the business community, the cowboy, and rural lifestyles could come together in harmony. An important rodeo component was, and still is, promoting the values of being a cowgirl or cowboy: following through on one's commitments, setting goals, and achieving those goals both personally and professionally.

For 75 years, attending the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo has been a tradition for many families and businesses across the region. It continues to exhibit and pay tribute to the community's deep ties to its agricultural history and rich cowboy culture. Its livestock show now includes the Deer Park, La Porte, League City, and Pasadena school districts, with 12 high schools participating and hundreds of students packing the Ag Barn and exhibition spaces to showcase animals and projects. It has also grown to include an annual livestock auction, parades, carnivals, fairs, barbeque competitions, and several other events for thousands of visitors to enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to sincerely congratulate everyone involved in the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo, both past and present, for 75 years of success. May God continue to bless the people of Pasadena and the Pasadena Rodeo for many decades to come.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL
CINDY H. HAYGOOD

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commitment and service of Brigadier General Cindy H. Haygood and her 36 years of service to the Louisiana National Guard. Brigadier General Haygood first joined the National Guard in 1988 and was commissioned in 1994 through the State Officer Candidate School of the Louisiana Army National Guard. Throughout her involvement in the Louisiana National Guard, Brigadier General Haygood has never shied away from an opportunity to serve. Brigadier General Haygood not only assisted in mobilization efforts for four major military operations, but she also simultaneously served as the Deputy Director of the Louisiana Military Department and the Assistant Adjutant General.

BG Haygood was also a trusted member of our state and local community, and she was on speed dial during the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, Brigadier General Haygood assisted many agencies in crisis management planning, and under her leadership the Louisiana National Guard was able to save lives and ensure public safety in Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, Louisiana and our Nation have benefitted from Brigadier General Haygood's contributions, and we, along with her family, Bill, Madeline, and Lauren, are grateful for everything she has done. I thank Brigadier General Haygood.

HONORING FRANK STEELE

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Frank Steele, Chairman of Republican Legislative District 24. This district is in the southeastern portion of the 8th Congressional District, encompassing areas of Peoria, Glendale, and Phoenix. The district has a population of over 234,000.

As Chairman, Frank is a leader willing to work tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. His role is critical to the success of Republican elected officials and candidates in the state legislature and beyond.

I am thankful for his leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate his service to the legislative district and to the state of Arizona.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF SUSAN
ROWE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the indomitable spirit and extraordinary life of Susan Rowe; a true icon whose legacy transcends the ordinary.

Born on February 20, 1956, to Jo Ann and John Warren Smith, Susan was not just a woman; she was a force of political activism and civic engagement, embodying the essence of California's Democratic traditions.

Raised in Anderson, Indiana, Susan lived through her passion for singing and dancing in plays and musicals. After graduation from Anderson High School in 1974, Susan attended Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana where she was a ballet major and a member of Alpha Phi sorority. Susan attended both high school and college with her eventual husband Michael Rowe. Susan and Mike were married on June 25, 1983, at St. Mary's Church in Anderson Indiana. Their love would endure for many years to come.

Although Susan spent a significant portion of her life in the Hoosier state, she managed to make a major impact as a Central Californian who changed a countless number of lives.

Susan honorably advocated for and served the people of the Central Valley for twenty years as a dedicated and relentless grassroots volunteer for the California Democratic Party. She was a tireless champion of democracy in which she contributed greatly by getting out the vote, promoting voter registration, and encouraging and recruiting candidates to run for public office.

For her efforts, Susan was rightfully recognized in 2004 and in 2015 when she was twice awarded the CDP Regional Volunteer of the Year Award. Her work and leadership skills were recognized as she served honorably in several leadership positions. She was elected to a two-year term in 2007-08 as Regional Director of Region 8 of the statewide party. Beginning in 2005 and until her passing she served as the chair of the Madera County Democratic Central Committee and also served multiple terms as the Vice-Chair of the Rural Caucus of the California Democratic Party. Additionally, Susan promoted political freedoms and activities as evident in her co-founding of the California Latina Democrats in Fresno.

In Susan's passing, we celebrate a life that embraced activism, supported the democratic process, and left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy lives on in her family: her husband Michael Rowe and her brother Carlton B. Smith of Indianapolis. May we draw inspiration from Susan Rowe's enduring spirit and the richness of a life well-lived. I extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and all who mourn the loss of this remarkable Californian. Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of Susan Rowe, a true Californian and inspiration to the Central Valley.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE MARIE
CHOTVACS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anne Marie Chotvacs, who has selflessly served the United States, most prominently on the House Committee on Appropriations, for nearly 23 years. Her commitment to our country has benefited Congress tremendously, and her dedication to service has set an example for generations to come.

Anne Marie entered federal service through a highly competitive Presidential Management Intern program at the U.S. Department of Commerce. There, she reviewed budget and policy proposals, served as a liaison to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, and prepared briefings, testimony, and talking points for senior Department officials.

While at the Commerce Department, she was detailed to the Office of Management and Budget during the development of the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2002 and the House Committee on Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations process. What she didn't realize at the time was that the latter detail would pave the way for a successful career on the most powerful committee in Congress.

In March of 2004, Anne Marie officially joined the House Committee on Appropriations as a Professional Staff Member, working for a handful of subcommittees. Just a few years later, I was named the Lead Republican of the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. Anne Marie's drive and hard work earned her the position of Minority Clerk for the Subcommittee, which is where I really got to know Anne Marie. In 2015, I had the honor of becoming the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. Given her foreign policy expertise, it was a natural transition for Anne Marie as she continued as the lead policy staffer for the Subcommittee, ultimately becoming the Staff Director and Majority Clerk.

Serving on such a wide-ranging, impactful subcommittee, she knew it was important to conduct strict oversight of foreign programs and initiatives and made it a point to travel to all continents and more than 50 countries, ensuring taxpayer resources were being utilized responsibly and as intended by Congress. During her time on the Subcommittee, she was named in the National Journal's "Five Staffers to Watch on Foreign Aid," a befitting accolade.

After more than 12 years with the House Committee on Appropriations, Anne Marie had the opportunity to leave the federal government and work as the Senior Director of International Operations and Policy for The Boeing Company, managing a team representing the company's international commercial and defense business interests.

When I was elected by my colleagues to be the Lead Republican of the House Committee on Appropriations for the 116th Congress, I knew immediately I wanted Anne Marie to be the Minority Staff Director, the top Republican staffer for the Committee. In this well-deserved

role, she counseled Members of Congress on more than \$1.5 trillion in annual federal funding and drove legislative outcomes by coordinating across 12 subcommittees. It is no secret that the 116th and 117th Congresses were full of unprecedented events, and as expected, Anne Marie remained a steady force, navigating through the longest government shutdown in history and the COVID pandemic. She was once again acknowledged for her outstanding work in 2019 when she was named in "Key Players for the Fall Season" by Congressional Quarterly.

When Republicans gained the Majority for the 118th Congress, Anne Marie was elevated to Clerk and Staff Director of the Full Committee, where she led a team of more than 100 staff working with Members of Congress, Executive Branch agencies, foreign governments, and external stakeholders to develop appropriations legislation. In a particularly tense Congress, I know we wouldn't have accomplished what we did without her work as Clerk and Staff Director. She navigated one of the most difficult appropriations processes in recent history, finding common ground on controversial issues and winning key Republican priorities in the final Fiscal Year 2024 bills.

Anne Marie's breadth of experience is a rare find on Capitol Hill, having had a hand to completing 20 appropriations cycles. She rose through the ranks from Agency Detailee to Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee Majority and Minority Clerk, Minority Staff Director, and finally to Full Committee Clerk and Staff Director. Anne Marie has been an exceptional leader—her reputation and experience are unmatched.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Anne Marie as she leaves the halls of Congress. While she departs with a successful career on the Hill behind her, I know she won't stop achieving great things, and I am excited to see all that she accomplishes in her next chapter. I wish the best to Anne Marie, her husband Chuck, and her son Charlie, who will be turning three this December. Anne Marie will be incredibly missed in Congress—especially by me, and I thank her for her dedicated service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MRS. VIORENE
WOMACK

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Viorene Womack, a remarkable member of our community who spent decades tirelessly volunteering and donating her time to help those around her.

After moving to the South Sound in 1960, Mrs. Womack joined the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in Tacoma, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, President of the Young Women's Christian Council, Church Secretary, and was honored as 'Mother of the Year' in 1975.

Mrs. Womack volunteered for 15 years with El Shaddai Christian Ministries' Food Bank, ensuring families in need had food for their tables, and served as both president and vice-president of COGIC's Executive Hospitality Board. In 2008, she received the Lifetime

Achievement Award from COGIC in Lakewood, WA.

Mrs. Womack was deeply committed to the children of this community, being a foster parent to more than 20 children in Pierce County, Washington.

Although she passed away this past month, those of us who were fortunate to know her will always remember the time and energy she dedicated to her community. I am grateful to not only have known Viorene, but to have had the honor of calling her a friend.

HONORING FRANK CARROLL

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Arizona State Senator Frank Carroll from Legislative District 28, covering the northwest valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

Before his service in the Arizona Legislature, Frank was a hardworking grassroots advocate for the west valley, ensuring that likeminded elected officials received support and that men and women on the ground had ample opportunity to petition their government.

Since entering office in 2019, Senator Carroll has fought for conservative values and common-sense solutions for his constituents. He is currently the Vice Chairman of the Transportation, Technology and Missing Children Committee, and a member of the Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee.

Senator Carroll is a strong proponent of economic prosperity, border security, election integrity, consumer choice, the Second Amendment, and life.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Senator Carroll's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER HEARNE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Walter Hearne on the occasion of his retirement from Federal service. For the last 22 years, Walter has served the United States House of Representatives, and more specifically the House Committee on Appropriations, in an exemplary and dedicated fashion as a professional staff member.

His long and impactful career began after completing study at James Madison University where Walter completed his undergraduate degree magna cum laude with distinction followed by a Master of Public Administration. It was clear from the beginning that Walter would excel in whatever he attempted.

Walter began his career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant on the Senate Budget Committee, where he led several special research projects for the staff director, including on reform issues associated with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and the Vice President's budget proposals during the 2000

presidential campaign. He also had his first taste of the Federal budget process by assisting with the development and enactment of the fiscal year 2002 budget resolution.

I like to think that dabbling with a budget resolution piqued Walter's interest in the business of appropriations, but however it came to pass, in mid-2002, Walter joined the House Appropriations Committee as a professional staff member on the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Subcommittee and later on the Transportation and Treasury Subcommittee. One can tell Walter has served the Committee for a long time because neither of these subcommittees exist today in this composition.

After cutting his appropriations teeth by reviewing budget requests of organizations such as the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Federal Election Commission, and the Office of Personnel Management, Walter was asked to join the staff of the Military Construction and Veteran Affairs Subcommittee. For the next 7 years, Walter would shepherd the enactment of 14 appropriations bills, including supplemental bills for military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and national emergencies, as well as the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Further, Walter was instrumental in enabling the Chairman of the Subcommittee to successfully implement major military construction initiatives to provide billions of dollars in increased funding to improve quality of life for troops and their families, such as new child development centers, medical facilities, and unaccompanied housing, as well as additional funding for the National Guard and Reserves.

In 2011, Walter brought his discerning eye and unflappable demeanor to the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, where he would stay until the end of his service to our nation. Over the following 14 years, Walter would consistently prove to be a tremendous source of knowledge to the chairs of the Subcommittee, the numerous defense clerks, and his staff colleagues alike. Walter had a major role in the enactment of 15 appropriations bills, while serving as the lead staffer on Air Force issues during a critical period of modernization that included research, development, and procurement of systems such as the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, B-21 bomber, Sentinel, KC-46 tanker, and numerous classified programs. He later took on a larger role in the Subcommittee's oversight of the Intelligence Community. In addition to Walter's consistent and valuable informal leadership, the Committee tapped him to assume the Subcommittee staff director and clerk responsibilities under emergency circumstances. In this capacity, Walter successfully guided the Subcommittee through House floor debate and passage of the 2018 Defense Appropriations Act.

Throughout his storied career, Walter has been a trusted advisor to the Members of the Committee on both sides of the aisle. On a personal note, I am grateful for his counsel as the Subcommittee navigates a challenging period for the defense and security of our Nation. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Walter for his service to our country and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
ANNABETH SURBAUGH

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Annabeth Surbaugh. Throughout her career, Annabeth was a pioneer in Johnson County, Kansas. A community leader and trailblazer for women, Annabeth changed the way county governments were structured across the state of Kansas and was a standard-bearer for everyone who followed in her footsteps.

Annabeth's community-building began early in life at McCluer High School in Florissant, Missouri, where she created a Welcoming Committee to help fellow students adjust to the challenges of starting at a new school. She continued her education at The University of Missouri, Columbia, earning a bachelor's degree in retailing. After graduating from college, Annabeth moved to Johnson County, Kansas to start her family. She stayed home with her children for more than 10 years before starting her own business, an interior design firm.

Her career in public service began with her work preserving historic neighborhoods and ensuring her local fire department had access to enough water to keep her community safe. In 1988, Annabeth was elected to the Rural Water Board No. 2 of Johnson County, becoming the first woman to hold that position. Later, she led the merger of that water board with the larger Water District No. 1 of Johnson County, improving the reliability of her community's water supply. Shortly thereafter, she would become the first woman to chair the newly consolidated WaterOne Board.

In 1992, Annabeth won a seat on the Johnson County Board of Commissioners, on which she served for 18 years. In office, she led the effort for government reform, including the creation of the first county charter in the state of Kansas. With a county charter in place, positions such as county treasurer and county clerk became appointed rather than elected, and county commissioner elections became non-partisan. The charter also changed the position of commission chair to be publicly elected instead of rotated among the members. In 2002, Annabeth was elected the first county-wide elected chair.

Annabeth didn't stop with government reform. Her accomplishments on the Johnson County Commission also included championing for increased energy efficiency in development projects, opposing the creation of an unpopular beltway in the county, and creating a criminal legal council to determine the root causes of behavior that leads to incarceration and provide alternative solutions to traditional incarceration. Annabeth cared about everyone, and she fought for everyone.

Annabeth Surbaugh passed away on August 28, 2024, surrounded by her friends and family. She leaves behind a legacy that has shaped the subsequent leaders of Johnson County and the community activists that have followed in her footsteps.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for Annabeth Surbaugh and her lifetime of public service and advocacy. She set the standard for what

a citizen activist and public servant should be, and we can all learn from her exemplary life.

RECOGNIZING CHAPEL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2024 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege today to recognize Chapel Hill Elementary School in Perry Hall, Maryland for being selected as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2024 by the U.S. Department of Education.

The National Blue Ribbon School award validates and celebrates the hard work of students, educators and families, among others, that strive everyday to achieve exemplary academic excellence. A National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing a school's entryway or on a flagpole, is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

Chapel Hill Elementary has been selected as part of a small group of 356 public and private schools across the United States as a result of their hard work and dedication to its students.

I congratulate Principal Nancy Hill, the wonderful teachers, educators and staff, as well as the dedicated students and families at Chapel Hill Elementary for this great achievement.

HONORING CANDACE CZARNY

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Candace Czarny. Candace is a leader in the Republican Legislative District 3, which includes the northern most areas of the 8th Congressional District and a population of over 236,000.

Candace has worked tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. Her efforts to work collaboratively with other leaders have been instrumental to the success of Republican elected officials and candidates in the state legislature and beyond.

I am thankful for her leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate her service to the legislative district and to the state of Arizona.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT NEWLEN'S DEDICATION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, since July 3, 2023, Robert R. Newlen has faithfully served as Interim Director of the Congressional Research

Service (CRS). Today, I want to recognize Newlen for his exemplary service and leadership during this time. Newlen has been an excellent partner to Congress and a laudable leader of CRS.

Newlen has had a long career of public service and as a servant to Congress. Newlen served at the Library of Congress for 42 years, including serving as the Deputy Librarian of Congress. Newlen served within CRS from 1975 until 2010, starting as a temporary clerk and rising to multiple senior leadership positions including Assistant Director of Knowledge Services Group. In 2017, Newlen left the Library of Congress as the Deputy Librarian of Congress. Before agreeing to serve as Interim Director, Newlen was the Executive Director and Director of Strategic Initiatives of the Dwight D. Opperman Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona.

CRS serves as an essential resource that strengthens our capacity to legislate every day. Yet CRS is beset by many of the challenges that have risen in today's diverse and complex media and information environment.

As Interim Director, Newlen acted as a perceptive leader who was quick to identify the challenges that the agency faces and was responsive in his immediate work to address them. From day one, Newlen recognized the need for robust leadership and effective communication throughout the agency. To that end, we have witnessed Newlen's efforts to empower CRS experts and incorporate the feedback and perspectives of every employee of the agency. Newlen recognized the information technology challenges that CRS faces and has diligently partnered with key stakeholders to effectively address these challenges.

Newlen's leadership during this time has been essential to turn the agency to face the modern needs and challenges of Congress. He has been a transparent and collaborative partner to me, Congresswoman BICE, the Committee, and to Congress.

I want to express my gratitude that Newlen has agreed to temporarily continue his service to this institution as an advisor to the new Director, Karen Donfried to support and assist her in her new role.

While more work remains to improve and modernize the Congressional Research Service, we are appreciative of Interim Director Newlen's efforts.

On behalf of the Committee on House Administration: Robert Newlen, we thank him for his service to improving Congress.

NEWSLETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding foreign policy, border security and small businesses.

DEAR FRIEND, Three years ago, 13 U.S. servicemembers were killed in the Abbey Gate terrorist attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, during the final days of the Afghanistan withdrawal.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs recently released the report on its investigation of during and after the rushed withdrawal, “Willful Blindness: An Assessment of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Chaos that Followed.”

The committee found that the Biden-Harris administration was determined to withdraw from Afghanistan no matter the costs, prioritizing the optics of the withdrawal over the security of U.S. personnel and failing to plan for all contingencies.

The administration’s hasty decisions and disregard for U.S. personnel on the ground during the withdrawal led to the deaths of 13 of our military members by a terrorist attack on Aug. 26, 2021, the deadliest day for our military in Afghanistan since 2012.

This catastrophic withdrawal not only resulted in the deaths of our servicemembers, it has also weakened U.S. national security, with Afghanistan once again becoming a haven for terrorists, and has damaged U.S. credibility on the world stage after abandoning our Afghan allies to Taliban revenge killings.

This tragedy was preventable, and the Biden-Harris administration has yet to take accountability for its failures or even meet with the Gold Star families of our fallen soldiers. Americans will never forget the ultimate sacrifice made in defense of our nation by:

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, 31, from Salt Lake City, Utah

Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25, from Lawrence, Massachusetts

Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23, from Sacramento, California

Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, from Indio, California

Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23, from Omaha, Nebraska

Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 22, from Logansport, Indiana

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20, from Rio Bravo, Texas

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, 20, from St. Charles, Missouri

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, 20, from Jackson, Wyoming

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, from Rancho Cucamonga, California

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20, from Norco, California

Navy Hospitalman Maxton W. Sowiak, 22, from Berlin Heights, Ohio

Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23, from Corryton, Tennessee

STANDING UP TO COMMUNIST CHINA

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) represents the greatest threat to American values and national security in our lifetime, and we must counter the CCP’s efforts to gain leverage over our nation and beyond. President Xi Jinping has gone so far as to say that he will do whatever it takes to bring Taiwan under his control, including through military force.

From securing our supply chains and protecting American technology to defending American biosecurity and drug manufacturing, the nearly three dozen bills that the House advanced are a step toward reducing China’s leverage over the U.S. and strengthening U.S. dominance.

Just one of the bills that I am co-sponsoring and voted for that would directly affect Western North Carolina is the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act, which amends the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to be included on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) for agriculture-related issues. It also requires CFIUS to review

and potentially block purchases of farmland by foreign adversaries that pose a national security risk.

We cannot allow enemies of the U.S. to buy up America’s farmland, which poses a food and national security threat, and I will continue to work with the House to combat the CCP’s aggression here at home and overseas.

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION’S “AMERICA LAST” FOREIGN POLICY

Over the past three and a half years, the Biden-Harris administration’s policies have put Americans last, diminishing our national security and draining hard-working Western North Carolinians’ hard-earned savings.

This administration’s failed policies have caused sky-high inflation, record-high gas prices and an unprecedented invasion of our borders.

During my district work period, constituent after constituent—including many small-business owners—have shared about the effects of high prices on running a business.

Meanwhile, thousands of illegal immigrants continue to flood our borders, endangering the safety and well-being of every American.

The radical, sanctuary-city policies are incentivizing illegal immigration, and your hard-earned tax dollars should not be used to serve illegal immigrants and further signal to the world that America’s borders are open.

To reverse such harmful policies that are rewarding illegal immigration and to protect women from sex offenders and abusers, I voted for the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act and the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act and will continue to push for policies that serve the best interests of our citizens and nation.

CHAMPIONING MAIN STREET BUSINESSES

The National Federation of Independent Business is a voice for small businesses across our nation, and I’m grateful to have been selected for this year’s Small Business Guardian Award.

As someone whose background is in business, I understand the challenges that Main Street faces, including heavy-handed government regulations. We need more pro-growth, pro-small-business policies so that small businesses can thrive and create jobs.

WELCOMING WNC CHAMBER MEMBERS TO DC

It was a privilege to welcome members of WNC Chambers of Commerce for their retreat during which they focused on problem-solving and opportunities to improve workforce development and local economies.

America’s risk takers and job creators have long been under attack from Washington, and I’m striving to reduce regulations, create a better tax climate, and help develop a workforce that provides opportunity and fuels our economy by fixing how Washington works.

With my warmest regards,

CHAD EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently voted NAY on Roll Call No. 429. I intended to vote YEA.

HONORING BOB GOMEZ

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona’s 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Bob Gomez. Bob is a leader in Republican Legislative District 3, which includes the northern most areas of the 8th Congressional District and a population of over 236,000.

Bob has worked tirelessly to educate, train, and inspire the next generation of citizens through civic engagement. His efforts to work collaboratively with other leaders have been instrumental to the success of Republican elected officials and candidates in the state legislature and beyond.

I am thankful for his leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate his service to the legislative district and to the state of Arizona.

CELEBRATING THE HANOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 135 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Hanover volunteer Fire Department of Hanover, Illinois for celebrating their 135th anniversary.

In the 1800’s, Hanover’s fire protection was virtually non-existent. The Hanover community rallied together to organize a fire company and purchased a Button hand fire engine in the summer of 1889. Later in 1890, a 414-pound fire alarm bell was gifted to the fire company by the ladies of Hanover and a tower was built on the North side of the town hall to house it.

On January 29, 1924, a new volunteer fire company was organized by twenty-two men. In the summer of 1942, the War Public Works Fire Station was built and was used by the Hanover Fire Department until another building, located at 201 Fillmore Street, was completed in 1970. The Hanover Fire Department remains at that Fillmore Street location to this day.

The illustrious history of the Hanover Fire Department is a testament to the strong spirit of community present in Illinois and demonstrates the importance of first responders and their service. As a Member of Congress, I will continue to support Illinois communities like Hanover and their emergency first responders who honorably serve their communities.

For 135 years, the Hanover Fire Department has served the residents of Hanover and Hanover Township and is possibly the oldest and largest volunteer fire department in Illinois. Today, we celebrate the Department and commend its multitude of volunteer fire fighters for their dedication to Hanover. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department of Illinois for a successful 135 years, and I wish them even more success going forward.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK
OF MARGARITA GONZALEZ

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Margarita Gonzalez, a Tampa trailblazer and outspoken advocate for our diverse Hispanic community. Margarita served the City of Tampa for nearly 30 years as the City's first Hispanic community liaison and in other important roles Margarita was a beloved champion for Tampa's Hispanic families and small business owners, and she leaves behind a vibrant legacy that will support Tampeños for decades to come.

Margarita and her family fled Cuba and arrived in Florida on July 4, 1966. At age 12, she was one of the first Cuban refugee students in the Hillsborough County Schools. She always knew the importance of education, and despite not knowing any English, she was motivated to work hard, learn English and get involved in school activities.

After graduating from Leto High School, Margarita began working on her bachelor's degree at Hillsborough Community College. For the next 13 years, Margarita attended college classes while juggling full-time jobs. She never gave up on her studies because she personally understood the irreplaceable value of an education. "After losing everything, I realized that a person's biggest asset is their education," said Gonzalez. "Knowledge and skills cannot be taken away from you."

She worked for the Tampa Port Authority and the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and continued her education by completing a bachelor's degree in public relations and communications from the University of South Florida. In 1987, Margarita began working for the City of Tampa and Mayor Sandy Freedman, doing community relations and interpretation work. Margarita saw a need for Hispanic members of the community to learn about the opportunities and services the city provided. It was then that Margarita began producing and hosting two Hispanic television shows, *Nuestra Tampa* and *Community Affairs Report*.

Throughout her nearly 30 years of service to the City of Tampa, Margarita's responsibilities included community relations, communications, coordinating the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council, establishing the city's International Affairs Office, and as a human rights investigator, which is important to support a diverse, respectful and inclusive community for our neighbors, families and businesses. While serving our City, Margarita established the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee, which is committed to preserving and celebrating Tampa's vibrant Hispanic culture. Margarita also ensured that part of Hispanic Heritage Committee's work is to provide mentoring and scholarship programs to local students.

Margarita won many awards for her service work, including Hispanic Woman of the Year by Tampa Hispanic Heritage, the 2019 Latina Lideres Award by the *Latin Times*, the 2023 Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame inductee, and the 2021 Tampa Bay Lightning Hero award, among many others. She was the first Hispanic woman to serve as a member of

the Superbowl Task Force in 1991 and chairperson of the Tampa Hillsborough County Youth Council.

Margarita made it her life's work to ensure that students in need were supported. She was a founding member of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association (HPWA) and Foundation (HPWF) and served on the boards of many other community service organizations. Through the HPWF and the donation of \$50,000 she received as a Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hero Award recipient, Margarita established The Margarita Gonzalez HPWF Latino Endowed Scholarship, her own endowment at USF for local high-achieving, Spanish-speaking students with demonstrated need. Margarita was able to attend college herself because of scholarships, and she said it was "a dream come true" to be able to give back in this way Margarita hoped that supporting future generations would inspire them to support others as well.

Margarita was a truly selfless and charitable leader. She also was a devoted daughter and loving caretaker to her mother, Angela Elba Gonzalez. Margarita's legacy will continue to live through her mother, her sister Elba Cruz and husband Hiram and her nephew and godson Michael Cruz, his wife Rebecca and their two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors across the Tampa Bay area and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor Margarita Gonzalez for her lifelong dedication to education and service. It is selfless community servants like Margarita that make Tampa the welcoming and generous place it is today. Our community is eternally grateful for her immense contributions. I trust that Margarita Gonzalez's legacy will inspire others to serve their neighbors and live the American Dream.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SAM
MARTINEZ

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sam Martinez and to commemorate how his legacy has inspired change in Congress.

This week, the House of Representatives will consider the Stop Campus Hazing Act. This bill was brought to my attention by the advocacy of Mr. Martinez's family, and I co-sponsored this bill shortly after meeting his parents. Today, I address the House as a proud cosponsor of this legislation, and I urge its passage.

Mr. Martinez was a Bellevue resident and Washington State University student whose life was tragically cut short on November 12, 2019, at the age of 19. He was a beloved son, brother, and friend, and my heart is with the community he leaves behind.

Mr. Martinez was born in 2000 to parents Hector Martinez and Jolayne Houtz. He grew up as a brother to Ariana Martinez in Bellevue, Washington, and throughout his life he was surrounded by friends and loved ones. Those who loved him remember his fierce athleticism on the soccer pitch, his dry sense of humor, his intelligence, his commitment to volunteer work locally and abroad, and his loyalty to his

friends and family. He was in the Bellevue School District's Spanish immersion program and graduated from Newport High School in June 2019. In the fall of 2019, Mr. Martinez matriculated at Washington State University, where he planned to study business and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Speaker, as the House considers the Stop Campus Hazing Act this week, let us remember Mr. Martinez and call attention to this critical issue that impacts students like Mr. Martinez nationwide. My thoughts are with his family and loved ones as we honor his legacy today.

HONORING BASIL FERNIMOS

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize someone who has been a force in the North Phoenix area, Basil Fernimos. Basil is a founding member of the North Valley Constitutional Republican Club.

As a passionate constitutionalist, Basil has been responsible for organizing and leading conservative efforts in the northern parts of our congressional district.

I am thankful for Basil's efforts and dedication to bring awareness and educate the public. I sincerely appreciate his service to the 8th Congressional District and to the state of Arizona.

RECOGNIZING THE MISSION QUILTERS FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to my colleagues' attention, the outstanding work of Mission Quilters which recently completed their 10,000th quilt that will be donated to global communities in need of basic supplies.

Mission Quilters is a group of about 20 volunteers at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Schaumburg, who gather every Thursday morning to stitch quilts. This tradition dates to 1985, when Carol Langseth, the wife of the church's then-pastor, had the goal of creating handmade quilts to provide comfort to those in need around the world. I am very pleased to report that just last week, the group reached a milestone with their 10,000th quilt. These quilts are distributed both locally and to communities in nine countries, through the Lutheran World Relief organization.

Mission Quilters relies on the donations of materials from individual quilters and other organizations. These materials are then cut and used to create a variety of quilts. Volunteers participate in the process by sewing and layering the quilt squares. Working together, they produce at least four quilts per week. In fact, the quilts produced by Mission Quilters could cover 185 football fields and stretch 22,222 yards. The finished quilts are first used

to adorn the pews of the Lord of Life Lutheran Church and, after being blessed, are sent to various parts of the world.

For nearly 40 years, Mission Quilters have donated their quilts to countries such as Georgia, Tanzania, Ukraine, Angola, Mali, Guatemala, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mission Quilters' quilts have also comforted Syrian refugees in Lebanon, as well as in other parts of the world that are affected by war. Locally, they have kept our communities warm, by distributing their quilts through organizations such as North Side Housing and Supportive Services in Chicago, WINGS, and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois for those in need.

The men and women of Mission Quilters embody public service at its best. As their representative in Congress, I am deeply honored to recognize the significant contributions of Mission Quilters. They have helped to bring families together and provided support to those affected by war and natural disasters through their quilting. It is for this impact that I wish to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the Mission Quilters.

CELEBRATING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate AltaMed Health Services Corporation on its 55th anniversary. As the nation's largest system of independent Federally Qualified Health Centers, AltaMed has been delivering quality health care and empowering communities for over half a century.

AltaMed was founded in 1969 as the East LA Barrio Free Clinic, a small volunteer-run clinic funded solely by grants and donations. Today, AltaMed is California's premier community health network, encompassing more than 60 service delivery sites throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and staffed by a culturally and linguistically competent workforce of more than 5,000 employees. It provides care to more than 500,000 individuals and their families through two million encounters annually, delivering the full continuum of services including pediatrics, comprehensive primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, dental care, behavioral health, youth services, HIV/AIDS services, and senior services through its operations as the largest Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in California. To this day, AltaMed is committed to providing quality care without exception and working to address health disparities in our communities.

In 1982, AltaMed began offering senior services by opening its first Adult Day Health Care Center in East Los Angeles, providing medical and rehabilitative care to older adults. In 1996, AltaMed made the transition to PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), a world-class managed-care program that uses a unique team-based approach to provide frail older adults with medical, social, nutritional, and rehabilitation services. This program makes it possible for those who meet nursing home eligibility requirements to remain

at home, enjoying the comfort and reassurance of familiar surroundings while receiving the care they need. AltaMed currently serves over 3,000 older adults at 12 PACE locations in Los Angeles and Orange County.

With the passing of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, more Americans are insured today than ever before—including the 20 million uninsured Americans who gained access to comprehensive health coverage. AltaMed led widespread efforts through its service delivery sites to enroll and provide resources to newly eligible individuals, becoming Covered California's top certified enrollment entity for several years in a row, and earning a grant through the state's Navigator Program.

AltaMed's commitment to addressing the social determinants of health that contribute to eighty percent of patient health outcomes and dedication to advancing social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion is exemplified through its programming and service delivery approach. In 2017, it launched the AltaMed Institute for Health Equity which works to inform and support the elimination of health disparities that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minorities through innovation, education, research, and community engagement.

The following year, AltaMed launched a first-of-its-kind effort to make service sites serve as civic engagement hubs for patients and community. Through this civic engagement campaign, AltaMed supports local voter information, education, and mobilization efforts, provides community workshops on the citizenship process, and facilitates dialogue around public policy and advocacy.

AltaMed was also on the frontlines when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, and sprang into action. Early on, it established mobile testing and evaluation sites throughout its communities to ensure patients could continue to access care. In 2021, leveraging the experience and success of its My Vote. My Health campaign, AltaMed launched a public health vaccination campaign called ¡Andale! ¿Qué Esperas? reaching more than 4.45 million Latinos in the state. By the end of that ten-month campaign effort, it had helped vaccinate over 130,000 people against COVID-19 leading a coalition of Community Health Centers throughout the state.

This is all to show how AltaMed has led the way to ensure their patients have access to culturally and linguistically concordant care while also addressing health care workforce challenges. In 2020, it welcomed the first cohort of AltaMed Family Medicine Residents to a new residency program. Two years later, it launched a licensed vocational nurse to registered nurse pathway program and other training programs, supporting over 160 nurses to advance their careers. And this year, AltaMed became the first clinic in Southern California to participate in the state's Licensed Physicians from Mexico Pilot Program (LPMPP), welcoming seven physicians who provide culturally and linguistically aligned care to Spanish speaking patients.

On November 8, 2024, AltaMed will commemorate its 55th anniversary. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating AltaMed on this historic milestone as an exceptional health care leader, advancing quality care for Latino, multi-ethnic, and underserved communities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and helping other Community Health Centers throughout the state scale up their ef-

forts to address health disparities through transformational change.

HONORING ANTHONY KERN

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Arizona State Senator Anthony Kern from Legislative District 27, covering the northwest valley in the Phoenix-metro area.

Senator Kern is the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and a Member of the chamber's Appropriations and Transportation, Technology and Missing Children Committees. He has won awards for his strong conservative principles in the Arizona Legislature, including the Hero of the Taxpayer and the Friend of the Family. Senator Kern also enjoys a 100 rating from the Arizona Free Enterprise Club.

He has worked hard in the State Legislature to help secure the border, protect life and family values, defend the Second Amendment, safeguard school choice, increase economic prosperity for individuals, families, and business owners, and stand with law enforcement.

Arizona's 8th Congressional District is thankful for Senator Kern's endeavors on behalf of his district and our state.

APPRECIATING PHILLIP TRULUCK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the anniversary of the passing of the Florence-born Phillip Truluck on October 6, 2022, I am grateful for his contributions to Congress while at the House Republican Study Committee and during his long tenure as the valued leader of the Heritage Foundation. He is missed.

The following obituary was published upon his death:

A son of South Carolina, Phil was born in Florence, South Carolina, on June 18, 1947 and passed away October 6, 2022. He spent his childhood and teenage years in Lake City, where he attended public schools. His beloved mother, Ethel Mason Truluck, taught him American History and famously refused to grant him the well-deserved annual history award for fear of appearing partial. He later went on to earn a B.S. in Finance at the University of South Carolina. His leadership skills were recognized early and he was elected President of Chi Psi fraternity.

Perhaps to make up for the history award, his mother arranged for Phil to go to Washington and work for then Senator Strom Thurmond—as a driver and envelope stuffer. Cream rose to the top and he went on to work in several congressional offices, as Deputy Director of the House Republican Study Committee and, for over 38 years, as a leader of the Heritage Foundation.

Along the way, he met, courted and married Ann Wroblewski on January 6, 1979. Mason Martha was born ten years later, followed by twins, Walker Edward and Sutton

Arthur. Phil liked to say he went from man to man to zone defense in 30 months.

Phil was a born developer—of people and real estate. As Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Phil managed the day-to-day running of Heritage. An astute policy analyst, strategic leader and gifted executive, Phil ensured the rigorous training and intellectual equipping of a generation of conservative leaders as they passed through Heritage's doors. He claimed many scholars, commentators, and members of Congress as former employees and enjoyed pointing out that so and so "had been at Heritage." Heritage was never far from his thoughts. When called for jury duty and asked if he had any connection to law enforcement, he replied that well, actually, (former Attorney General) Ed Meese reported to him. He was quickly dismissed.

A frustrated architect and contractor, over the years he initiated and managed the physical transformation of Heritage from a townhouse on Capitol Hill to the block long 250,000 square foot complex in the shadow of the Capitol that it is today. Along the way he realized he loved the challenges of acquisition and renovation. During the years when there was no project at Heritage, he put his skills to work in the Washington residential real estate market. He and Ann moved seven times in 37 years—in contiguous zip codes.

Christmas vacations usually required a passport. He believed traveling together was the best present he could give his family—his favorite trip was floating down the Nile in perfect weather on Christmas day. He also traveled the world to attend meetings of the Mont Pelerin Society and for 20 years spent the weekend after New Year's at Sea Island attending The Awakening. The August congressional recess meant several weeks at High Hampton in the western North Carolina mountains. After retirement, he and Ann split their time between beautiful Cashiers, NC, and Charleston, SC. He also took up oil painting, concentrating on landscapes in the mountains and water and marsh scenes from the Low country.

He was an easy man to like, with a ready smile and a kind heart. His optimism was contagious and he rarely raised his voice. He was kind, gracious and gentle. His integrity was unquestioned and his word was his bond. He was proud of his children for their accomplishments but principally for their character.

While raised a Southern Baptist, he attended Catholic Church with his family every Sunday, believing that a family should worship together. After the children were grown, he found a home in the Episcopal Church and became a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers. He attended Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Wroblewski; their children and their spouses Mason (and Hunter), Walker (and Karen), and Sutton (and Ashley); and grandchildren, Halliday and Myers Morris; his sister, Linda (and Ted) and brother, Mason.

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, September 24, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 4667, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 5105, to require a report by the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding the failed assassination attempt on the life of Donald J. Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024, S. 4900, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, S. 131, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, S. 2924, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the management of improper payments, S. 5067, to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 4898, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster, S. 3926, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 4679, to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 5098, to require certain agencies to develop plans for internal control in the event of an emergency or crisis, S. 5133, to establish a tracker for Senate-confirmed executive branch positions, S. 5109, to amend section 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to extend the Chief Data Officer Council's sunset and add new authorities for improving Federal agency data governance, including to enable reliable and secure adoption of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence, S. 5093, to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, S. 5092, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and northern border strategy, S. 5099, to prescribe requirements relating to the management of the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island, New York, S. 5102, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, S. 3181, to designate the Air and Marine Operations Marine Unit of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection located at 101 Km 18.5 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, as the "Michel O. Maceda Marine Unit", S. 4404, to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the "Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office", S. 4803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the "First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office", S. 4634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 154 First Avenue East in Jerome, Idaho, as the "Representative Maxine Bell Post Office", H.R. 5799, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the "James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint", H.R. 1823, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 East Fort Dade Avenue in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Specialist Justin Dean Coleman Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the "Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building", H.R. 6810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the "U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building", H.R. 6983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the "Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office", H.R. 7180, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 1st Street in Kingsland, Arkansas, as the "Kingsland 'Johnny Cash' Post Office", H.R. 7385, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building", H.R. 7417, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Spring Street in Titusville, Pennsylvania, as the "Edwin L. Drake Post Office Building", H.R. 7606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1087 Route 47 South in Rio Grande, New Jersey, as the "Carlton H. Hand Post Office Building", H.R. 7607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Block 1025, Lots 18 & 19, Northeast Corner of US Route 9 South and Main Street in the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, New Jersey, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building", and H.R. 7893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 Pickens Street in Marion, Alabama, as the "Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building".

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine economic risks from housing unaffordability, focusing on the costs of inaction.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 4489, to designate the Federal building located at 50 United Nations Plaza in San Francisco, California, as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Federal Building," and for other purposes, H.R. 532, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 600 East First Street in Rome, Georgia, as the "Harold L. Murphy Federal Building and United States Courthouse", the nominations of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Matthew Kaplan, of Maryland, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Great Lakes Authority, and 43 General Services Administration resolutions.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 4425, to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, H.R. 8282, to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies, and the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Kristen Sarri, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador-At-Large for Global Health Security and Diplomacy, Elizabeth K. Horst, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Troy Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kelly Adams-Smith, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Jennifer D. Gavito, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the State of Libya, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Joshua M. Harris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Peter W. Lord, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, all of the Department of State.

S-116

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

To hold hearings to examine preparing workers for AI.

SD-562

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine FAA oversight of Boeing's broken safety culture.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine sexual assault in U.S. prisons two decades after the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 465, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, S. 2908, to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land, and S. 4370, to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 4444, to take certain mineral interests into trust for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of Montana, S. 4633, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, S. 4643, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, S. 4705, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and S. 4998, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in the Rio San Jose Stream System in the State of New Mexico.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth

To hold hearings to examine providing small business relief from remote sales tax collection.

SD-215

SEPTEMBER 26

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 254, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, S. 373, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, S. 482, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, S. 620, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, S. 739, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, S. 914, to establish an energy threat analysis center in the Department of

Energy, S. 1553, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing permits and leases, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, 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. 2156, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to authorize additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado, S. 2160, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, S. 2506, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3123, to provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, S. 3346, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and Smith River system in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, S. 3544, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic

Shrine as the "Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center", S. 3593, to provide for economic development and conservation in Washoe County, Nevada, S. 3596, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite, S. 3617, to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, S. 3631, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, S. 3790, to make additional Federal public land available for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, S. 3985, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, S. 4164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds and surrounding land in the States of Illinois and Missouri, S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, S. 4216, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 4242, to extend the authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 4245, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, S. 4310, to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region, S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, S. 4424, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, to acknowledge and support the longstanding use of cultural burning by Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, S. 4431, to reinstate the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 4432, to allow certain Federal minerals to be

mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 4451, to require the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to carry out a study on reservation systems for Federal land, S. 4454, to provide for the establishment of an Operational Flexibility Grazing Management Program on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, S. 4457, to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, S. 4607, to designate the America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark, S. 4664, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to promote the use of artificial intelligence to support the missions of the Department of Energy, S. 4851, to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include the Scarper Ridge property, S. 4932, to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, S. 4936, to require a study relating to the Minidoka National Historic Site, S. 4974, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 4994, to modify the boundary of the Vicksburg National Military Park in the State of Mississippi, S. 4996, to amend Public Law 89-108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, S. 4999, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, S. 5000, to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, S. 5005, to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, S. 5011, to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee, to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety, S. 5012, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, S. 5013, to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 5014, to provide for the establishment of a Water Project Navigators Program, S. 5125, to provide for certain improvements to the housing and workforce programs of Federal land management agencies, H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, H.R. 5443, to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real

property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, and an original bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Plum Island, New York.

SD-366
Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the public health impacts of PFAS exposures.

SD-406
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2305, to improve the requirements for making a determination of interchangeability of a biological product and its reference product, S. 2780, to require sponsors of drug applications and holders of approved applications to provide certain submissions and communications to the Food and Drug Administration and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, S. 4436, to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, S. 4583, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue priority review vouchers to encourage treatments for rare pediatric diseases, S. 5103, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a strategic plan for the Human Foods Program of the Food and Drug Administration and the food functions of the Office of Inspections and Investigations, an original bill entitled, "Medical Graduate Investment Act", and other pending calendar business.

SD-562
Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2220, to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, S. 2140, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address matters relating to patent subject matter eligibility, S. 4713, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Ryan Young Park, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Bobby Jack Woods, to be United

States Marshal for the Eastern District
of Kentucky, Department of Justice.

SD-G50

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomina-
tions of Marcus D. Graham, of Ten-

nessee, to be a Member of the Farm
Credit Administration Board, and Julie
Brinn Siegel, of the District of Colum-
bia, to be a Commissioner of the Com-
modity Futures Trading Commission.

SR-328A