

At this time of national mourning, as we search for comfort in the aftermath of this loss of innocent life, we would be wise to consider afresh II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

I join together with other Americans who have called for September 11, 2013 to be set aside as a day for personal prayer, reflection and fasting, for ourselves and for our Nation.

As we humble ourselves and pray and seek God's grace, we can take assurance from the Holy Scripture that God has promised to hear from heaven and will heal our land.

CONGRATULATING ANN BOCHLER OF ASHLAND, WISCONSIN, ON BEING NAMED THE 2013 PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE ASHLAND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community accomplishments of Ann Bochler of Ashland, Wisconsin, who has been named the 2013 Person of the Year, by the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ann sits on the Ashland Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors, and is a past board member of several community organizations including the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Top Chautauqua, Depot Restoration Committee, the Ashland Waterfront Commission and the Ashland Parks and Recreation Committee. Ann was the 2011 Recipient of the Badger of the Year Award presented by the UW-Madison Alumni Club of the Chequamegon Bay Area. She has also been instrumental in helping coordinate and plan events for the Ashland Chamber and for the Ashland and Bayfield County Relay for Life, for which she serves as Chairperson.

Ann is a true community leader, and through her own creativity comes up with great ideas. Her positive demeanor and strong, outgoing personality has allowed her to connect with the community to develop a great support network of volunteers who help her attain her goals for community fundraising and other events.

Thanks to the community contributions of outstanding citizens like Ann Bochler, Ashland is rightfully known by many as "Lake Superior's hometown." I ask that my colleagues join me today to express our appreciation for Ann's community spirit and our congratulations to her on receiving this well-deserved award.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, DC (GLAA)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, every spring since 1991, when I became a member of Con-

gress, I remind the House of Representatives I have the honor and pleasure of representing the oldest continually functioning lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization in the United States, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA). I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating GLAA's 42nd anniversary and wishing it well as it continues in the struggle for equal rights for the LGBT community.

Since its founding in April 1971, GLAA has been a respected and tireless advocate for full and equal rights for the LGBT community in the District of Columbia, and has been at the forefront of efforts to strengthen enforcement of the landmark D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977. One of GLAA's most significant achievements, on which it worked with coalition partners, D.C. elected officials, and District residents, was enactment of the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District.

In addition to its leadership on LGBT rights in the District, GLAA has always provided leadership on a wide range of civil rights issues, such as family rights, police accountability, and access to condoms in prisons and D.C. public schools. GLAA also emphasizes effective public health strategies and accountability in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the District.

At GLAA's 42nd anniversary reception on April 25, 2013, the recipients of its 2013 Distinguished Service Awards will be recognized, including:

Diana Bruce is Director of Health and Wellness for the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and leads DCPS's school health office, developing policies, programs, systems and partnerships that enable local schools to provide school health services and supports for students. In this capacity, Diana initiated the development of DCPS's efforts to make its schools welcoming and inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students, staff and families. She also leads the community engagement process to develop DCPS's framework and approach to preventing, identifying and responding to bullying.

Clarence J. Fluker is the editor of Substanceandstyle.com, an art, culture, entertainment and lifestyle blog. Clarence's articles have been featured in SWERV and The Life magazines, and he has served as the Next Generation editor for Arise. He served as Program Manager of the D.C. Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs from 2008 to 2012, and previously served on its Advisory Committee. In 2002, he was elected the youngest member of the Board of Directors of Black Lesbian & Gay Pride Day, Inc., and served as its board president in 2006.

Brent Minor is executive director of Team DC, established in 2003 to educate the LGBT community on the benefits of individual and team sports. Brent chaired the Metropolitan Washington Gaymes bid committee for the 2014 Gay Games. He is a member of the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS. He served on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He also served as Director of Public Policy at the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia and as Director of Community Relations at Food & Friends.

Peter Rosenstein has been a tireless activist in politics, government affairs, and the arts for more than 30 years. He is president of the Campaign for All DC Families. He is founder and president of Arts in Action, and was Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia. He served on Whitman-Walker Clinic's Health Development Committee, and chaired the host committee for the Food & Friends annual dinner for 9 years. He writes regularly for many publications, including the Washington Blade.

Jason A. Terry is a conflict resolution and human rights advocate dedicated to educating others about how to build a more peaceful world, locally and globally. He is training manager at the National Council for International Visitors, with responsibilities for regional and national meetings, webinars, and curriculum design. He is also an anti-violence organizer with the DC Trans Coalition, coordinating advocacy and educational campaigns to reduce anti-transgender violence, and serves as treasurer on the board of the Association for Gender Research, Education, Academia and Action.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the recipients of GLAA's 2013 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 42nd anniversary of contributions to the LGBT community in the District of Columbia.

HONORING THE HEROISM AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF THE DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders for their heroism and extraordinary service and sacrifice that lifted our Nation and helped propel the Allies to victory over Japan in World War Two.

On April 18, 1942, as a response to Japan's surprise attack on our Nation, eighty brave Americans from the 17th Bombardment Group (Medium) set out to execute a first-of-its-kind mission to bring the fight Japan started to their homeland. Led by then Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle, these heroic men all volunteered for what they were told to be an extremely hazardous mission and were still willing to put their lives in harm's way to help defend our great Nation.

The mission, thought by many to be near impossible, required innovations and extensive training to include secret preparations conducted in March 1942 at Eglin Field in the First Congressional District of Florida. These intensive preparations included training for accomplishing short takeoffs and landings and techniques for fuel efficient flying. Eglin Field helped serve as the proving ground for the military's innovations and techniques required to ensure these brave Americans were ready for their mission.

After months of Japanese military successes in the Pacific, these brave airmen set out on a mission that changed the tide of the Second World War and lifted the morale and spirits of a grateful Nation. On that day, they

planned to launch their sixteen modified B-25 bombers from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS *Hornet*, flying to Japan to drop their bombs and then fly on to land in a part of China that was still free from Japanese occupation.

However, despite their extensive preparations, the USS *Hornet* was discovered by the Japanese 170 miles further from their prearranged aircraft launching point. Still, these selfless and brave American's decided to continue with their mission despite the fact they were beyond the distance considered to be safe for launch. The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders deliberately accepted the risk that their B-25's might have only the fuel required to reach their targets but not enough to ensure their safe landing.

Despite the obstacles presented to these men, they successfully reached Japan, dropped their bombs and set on their journey to find a safe landing site. Because of their deliberate choice to launch early, they found themselves low on fuel navigating in increasingly deteriorating weather. None of the sixteen B-25's launched reached their preplanned landing sites. Of the eighty Doolittle Raiders who conducted the raid, seven gave the ultimate sacrifice with the loss of their lives while defending the freedoms we all enjoy today.

The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders acts of heroism and extraordinary airmanship while facing unimaginable odds against their own safety and well-being is recognized as a turning point in the war in the Pacific. Their skill, valor, and selflessness boosted the morale of our Nation's military while causing the Japanese offensive pause as they moved resources to defend their own nation. This morale boost helped fuel the growing American offensive, ultimately leading to the United States victory in the Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to recognize the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders on their 71st anniversary of their remarkable bombing raid on Tokyo during World War II. My wife Vicki joins me in thanking all the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders and their families for their sacrifice to our Nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

April 19

10 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform legislation.
SH-216

April 22

10 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To resume hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform legislation.
SH-216

April 23

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SD-106

10 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Agency for International Development.
SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress.
SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 306, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 545, to improve hydropower, and an original bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry.
SD-366

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the Antwone Fisher story as a case study for child welfare.
SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging
To hold hearings to examine successful primary care programs.
SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights
To hold hearings to examine drone wars, focusing on the constitutional and counterterrorism implications of targeted killing.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget and revenue re-

quest for fiscal year 2014 for Veterans' program proposals.
SD-608

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security.
SD-124

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
To hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.
SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Science and Space
To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for human space exploration.
SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 59, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 155, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali, S. 156, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 219, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 225, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, S. 228, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 285, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, S. 305, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 349, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 371, to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 486, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, S. 507, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and S. 615, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut.
SD-366

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219