

HONORING COACH ED STEERS

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding career and accomplishments of Coach Ed Steers. At the conclusion of this school year, Coach Steers will be retiring as Athletics Director of Porter-Gaud School after nine great years. Under his leadership, Porter-Gaud has consistently had one of the most successful and well-rounded athletics programs in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), winning twenty-six state titles, as well as the SCISA President's Cup for three of the past four years.

As much as Coach Steers has done for the Cyclones, many do not know the details about Ed's career prior to his arrival at Porter-Gaud. As a student-athlete at the Citadel (Class of 1968), Coach Steers was a three-time Southern Conference champion in wrestling, never losing in a dual meet. He entered the coaching profession following a brief stint as a tank officer in the Vietnam era, coaching for the Army, then as head coach at William and Mary and later at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is still the winningest wrestling coach in the history of both programs, and has been named to the Citadel's Athletics Hall of Fame, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the New York Collegiate Wrestling Hall of Fame. He also was named the Citadel's Alumnus of the Year in 2002.

More important than all of these accolades has been Coach Steers' influence on the coaches, athletes, and the entire Porter-Gaud community. Ed models a lifestyle of personal fitness and discipline by squeezing in a run every day. He knows the name and the story of every single athlete and coach—and chokes up in telling the best ones every season at the athletics assemblies. He is present when buses pull out at 5:00 a.m., and he is present on the sidelines of almost every athletics event, whether bantam, junior varsity, or varsity. My boys Marshall, Landon, Bolton, and Blake join me, the Porter-Gaud Athletics Department, and the entire school in thanking Ed for his service and wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. While his leadership and guidance will be sorely missed at Porter-Gaud, his legacy at the school will remain long after he departs and we wish him and his wife Sally all the best as their next journey begins.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
OF THE SHEPHERD CENTER OF
OAKTON-VIENNA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the volunteers of the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna and to thank them for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community. Organized in 1997, the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna is a non-profit that provides services to help older adults continue

living independently, and it offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization.

The center works to support older residents who want to age in place in their homes and to engage them in social activities. Every year, approximately 200 volunteers for the Shepherd Center serve as medical drivers, companion drivers, friendly callers and visitors, health and wellness counselors, fundraisers, and grant writers. These volunteers run programs such as Lunch n' Life, Adventures in Learning, trips and outings, special events, and caregivers' support groups. Services are available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

The Shepherd's Center has also been recognized as "One of the Best" 2012–13 by the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington and the 2012 Nonprofit of the Year award from the Vienna-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce. The services and programs offered by this extraordinary organization help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna for the services which enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and efforts to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Nurses Week which began on Tuesday, May 6 and ends on Friday, May 9. During the first full week of May each year, we recognize nurses across our country. Nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession with approximately 3,100,000 registered nurses in the United States.

This year's theme for National Nurses Week is "Nurses Leading the Way." Nurses not only provide essential care to their patients, but they are also health innovators. Nurses are constantly bringing themselves up to speed on the new technologies and new medical research required to effectively serve their patients. We must support our nurse leaders by recognizing and thanking them for their daily work.

With a clear commitment to wellness promotion and illness prevention, the Obama Administration and Congress must support this large contingency of our health care community. There is convincing evidence that the health of our country can be dramatically advanced by deploying our greatest and most trusted national health resource, our nurses. Given a clear leadership role, the dedicated nurses of our country provide key services and preventive guidance for effective health care, not "sick-care."

National Nurses Week is dedicated to recognizing the work that our nation's nurses perform each day. We must also realize the potential that the nursing profession has to become the premier leader in preventive and public health. No matter the certification or registration, each nurse is important each day to each patient. Help me celebrate National Nurses Week by recognizing nurses in your community and nationwide.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the many dedicated volunteers of the Washington County Historical Society in my State of Minnesota as the organization celebrates its 80th anniversary. Since its inception in 1934, the Society has played an invaluable role in preserving the history of the county and educating today's citizens about past generations.

Eighty years ago, a local women's group identified the need to protect stories and artifacts from Washington County. Working together with the Stillwater Rotary Club, the group formed and held its inaugural meeting on April 11, 1934 where it elected its first president and received its first donation, a copy of the "History of Washington County and the St. Croix Valley." The Society still has the work in its collection today, in compliance with its policy of permanently keeping all donations.

After first operating out of a single room in the Stillwater Public Library, the Society has steadily grown in size by increasing the number and variety of items and locations in its collection. It purchased the former Stillwater Prison Warden's House from the State for \$100 in 1941 and turned the property into a museum. The Warden's House museum is still in operation today, making it the second oldest house museum in Minnesota.

The Historical Society continues to grow to this day. It recently purchased a 14,000 square foot building in Stillwater, MN, that will be made into a state-of-the-art museum and research facility. The Society currently has about 700 members, operates two interpretive museums, and provides educational, research, and historical preservation opportunities throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, the valuable efforts of the Washington County Historical Society during the past eight decades are commendable and worthy of recognition. In honor of many people who have built the success of the Washington County Historical Society, it is a privilege to submit this statement in honor of its 80th anniversary.

CHIEF ROSEMARY CLOUD

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman, Chief Rosemary

Cloud, of East Point, GA. She is the first African-American woman to lead a paid professional fire department in America.

I am proud to recognize my amazing constituent on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. A native of Atlanta, Chief Cloud began her career in the fire service 30 years ago at the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department as a firefighter. For the past 12 years, she has served as the Fire Chief of the East Point Fire Department. Over her years of service, Chief Cloud has managed 35 fire stations and over 1,000 employees.

Chief Cloud's service extends beyond Metro Atlanta. She was the Appointed Subject Matter Expert on Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8 for the White House National Security Council. She helped develop policies to help the United States prevent and respond to terrorist threats, major disasters, and other emergencies. Chief Cloud was also recently inducted into the International Women in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Hall of Fame.

Additionally, Chief Cloud is actively involved in her community. She currently mentors young people through leadership programs. She has also established more than 10 community service public safety programs in East Point.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Cloud's dedication to public service is inspirational and patriotic. I applaud her service and leadership, and I congratulate her on this historic appointment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFGHAN ALLIES PROTECTION EXTENSION ACT OF 2014

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, a bipartisan coalition of Members in the House and Senate have introduced the Afghan Allies Protection Extension Act of 2014 in an effort to protect the thousands of brave Afghan men and women, from translators to drivers, who risked their lives to protect our service members. The Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program was created to help them come to America if their safety was threatened as a result of their work on behalf of the U.S. mission.

Too often, however, the Afghans who are supposed to be benefitting from the SIV program have been put through delays and a bureaucratic nightmare, and many have lost their lives. Today's legislation is intended to extend the program while fixing many of these problems that will enable the SIV program to function as intended.

More specifically, the Afghan Allies Protection Extension Act of 2014 authorizes an additional 3,000 SIVs for 2015; authorizes unexpired FY14 SIVs to be carried forward and issued by the Department of State in 2015; extends the Afghan SIV applicant deadline until Dec. 31, 2015; authorizes the Department of State to process all SIVs that meet the Dec. 31, 2015 application deadline until the authorized SIV cap is met or the processing deadline of Dec. 31, 2016 is reached, whichever comes first; provides parity in the definition of "family" between the more thoughtful Iraq definition and the narrow Afghan definition; and finally,

allows a critically overlooked population of Afghans—those who worked for U.S. media outlets, NGOs and those who worked for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)—to become eligible for an SIV.

We have frankly fallen short of the mark. It is clear that these Afghan men and women are at risk and that the situation is likely to get worse rather than better. Should America be at war again someday, there is nothing more important than the ability to follow through on our word to aid those who risked their lives to protect our troops.

You don't have to be an American to be an American hero. It's time for Congress to step up and do the right thing for these brave Afghan men and women.

NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy which is May 7 this year. Across the country, hundreds of thousands of teens and hundreds of organizations will participate in activities and events today to focus on the avoidance of teen pregnancy.

Since the 1990s when groups began to bring attention to teen pregnancy rates in the United States, teen pregnancy has decreased by 44 percent. However, three in ten teenagers in the United States still become pregnant. There are clear disparities in teen pregnancy rates that are often the result of social issues like poverty, educational attainment, and involvement in the criminal justice or welfare systems.

Each year, teen childbearing costs our taxpayers at least \$9 billion. Texas contributes approximately \$1.1 billion to that price tag. A child born to unmarried teen parents is nine times more likely to grow up in poverty and subsequently incur the additional costs associated with public health care and participation in welfare programs. The average cost to taxpayers associated with a child born to a teen mother each year from their birth to age fifteen is \$1,682. Between 1991 and 2010 in Texas, there were more than one million teen births.

We must commit to efforts to reduce the high rates of teen pregnancies and births in this country. Please join me in supporting the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy by raising awareness, promoting parent-child communication, and supporting educational programs that have been proven to reduce teen pregnancy.

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 Com-

mittee—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, May 8, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine high frequency and automated trading in futures markets. SR-328A

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Estevan R. Lopez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, and Monica C. Regalbutto, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management. SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine strengthening minority serving institutions, focusing on the best practices and innovations for student success. SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine expanding economic opportunity for women and families. SD-608

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improving financial management at the Department of Defense. SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism
To hold hearings to examine economic espionage and trade secret theft, focusing on if laws are adequate for today's threats. SD-226

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife
To hold hearings to examine polluted transportation infrastructure stormwater runoff. SD-406

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to