

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 unissued 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