

calling him a colleague. I was always impressed with John's keen understanding of developing sound public policy on behalf of his constituents. He was a true statesman in every sense of the word. John was elected to the California State Senate in 2008 and was eventually appointed to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in 2009 by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

On the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, John represented the largest and, arguably, most diverse district in the county. Yet, he never let his partisan leanings interfere with his duty to serve his constituents. This, undoubtedly, will be one of John's many lasting legacies.

John is survived by his wife, Sheryl; son, Ben; daughter, Sarah; and two grandchildren, Abrielle and Nick. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to offer our condolences to John's family and friends during this difficult time. May he rest in eternal peace.

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#### HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 9, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today—on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day—to honor the commitment, courage, and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in Georgia's Ninth District and throughout the United States.

As the son of a Georgia State Trooper, I have always had an admiration for the commitment that law enforcement officers make to their communities. Despite the challenges and costs that come with the oath to protect and serve, these brave men and women diligently work to make their communities safe.

The risk that law enforcement officers take has become all too evident, highlighted even more so by incidents in recent months. In fact, less than a month ago, Lavonia Police Officer Jeffery Martin and Captain Michael Schulman were both shot after stopping a suspect driving a stolen vehicle. Thankfully, despite sustaining injuries, both of them survived the attack.

Others haven't been as fortunate. During that week alone, six law enforcement officers in Georgia were shot. The enormous risk that these officers take every day became the ultimate sacrifice for two of those officers, who tragically joined the ranks of the fallen last December. They joined 133 fellow law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2016, which saw a 10 percent rise in officer fatalities over 2015.

I ask that we all keep these officers and their families in our hearts and prayers. We should remember the sacrifices of law enforcement officers every day, but today serves as a particular reminder to thank our men and women in blue.

We must continue to support law enforcement officers throughout the country as they tirelessly serve to protect our neighborhoods, families, and friends.

#### OBJECTING TO UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2334

SPEECH OF

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 5, 2017*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 11, Objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace.

H. Res. 11 is a gross mischaracterization of the U.S. position on U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334 and of President Obama's steadfast commitment to Israel.

The United States has always been, and will remain, a loyal friend of Israel. In fact, President Obama recently reinforced the U.S.-Israeli bond with the signing of an agreement providing Israel with \$38 billion in U.S. security assistance over the next decade, the largest agreement in the history of our security relationship with Israel.

While President Obama has been steadfast in preserving our relationship with Israel over the course of his presidency, he also understands that friends need to tell friends hard truths. Lockstep U.S. support for all of Israel's policies is in fact counterproductive to maintaining the strong bonds of friendship between our two countries.

This is particularly true when it comes to the issue of illegal Israeli settlement expansion. This policy is one of the most serious obstacles to achieving a two-state solution, the only viable avenue to peace between Israel and the Palestinians. It has long been the bipartisan policy of U.S. administrations to oppose settlement expansion on land belonging to Palestinians before the 1967 war precisely because these settlements diminish the prospects of reaching a two-state solution and are not essential to Israel's security. Even President Ronald Reagan said of the issue in 1982 that "further settlement activity is in no way necessary for the security of Israel and only diminishes the confidence of the Arabs that a final outcome can be freely negotiated." It was for this reason that President Obama chose to abstain on U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334, and I strongly supported his decision to do so.

Unfortunately, H. Res. 11 ignores the history of this conflict, distorts decades of bipartisan U.S. policy and completely disregards the facts on the ground today. The U.S. abstention on U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334 was not an aberration in the history of our relationship with Israel. Dating back to President Johnson, both Republican and Democratic Administrations have repeatedly abstained from U.N. Security Council resolutions related to Israel. These abstentions have often been at odds with the position of the Israeli government.

Mr. Speaker, achieving a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians is not an easy task. It requires both sides to make hard choices and embrace steps necessary to making the two-state solution a reality. Right now, neither side seems willing to make the necessary sacrifices needed to resolve this conflict.

Unfortunately, H. Res. 11 embraces the extreme policies of the Netanyahu government

that are designed to make the two-state solution impossible, and I oppose it precisely because I am committed to securing a lasting peace for both Israelis and Palestinians.

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#### NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY AND THE SIX-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS SHOOTING

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 9, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join communities and individuals all across the United States in recognizing Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Today is just one of many opportunities throughout the year when we come together to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of our fellow men and women in law enforcement, who work day in and day out to protect our families, friends, and communities.

Our recognition here today is timely, given that the six-month anniversary of the shooting in Dallas on July 7, 2016 took place over the weekend. This tragic shooting claimed the lives of four Dallas Police officers and one DART officer, while injuring nine others. It was a traumatic day for our city. However, the people of Dallas came together in unprecedented numbers to honor the fallen and support the Dallas Police Department through this most trying time. It was a testament to the focus and resolve of the American people as individuals from all across the country came together to denounce the violence and support our law enforcement officers.

Last year alone, 135 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty. This was the highest number of line of duty deaths in five years, and represents a ten percent increase over 2015. While I do not believe that this is a normal trend, we need to be cognizant of the violence within our communities and ensure that we are taking steps in our everyday lives to reduce the tension between law enforcement and the communities they protect.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand with my colleagues today in honor of this day of recognition. Law enforcement officers—including the brave men and women of the Dallas Police Department—perform their duties often without praise or recognition of the day-to-day challenges that they face. While it is important to recognize law enforcement officers on special occasions such as these, we must not forget that these brave men and women are patrolling our streets each and every day and rightly deserve the same recognition.

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#### 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, January 10, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
JANUARY 11

9 a.m.  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114-12); to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Rex Wayne Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State. SD-106

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Ala-

bama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice. SR-325

10 a.m.  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Betsy DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education. SD-430

10:15 a.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, to be Secretary of Transportation. SR-253

JANUARY 12

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James N. Mattis, to be Secretary of Defense; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider legislation to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces. SD-G50

10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Benjamin Carson, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., to be Secretary of Commerce. SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations  
To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Rex Wayne Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State. SD-106

Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. SH-216

1 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. SH-219