

MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Nonprofit Management Certificate from Harvard University. She has been a part of Girl Scouts on a professional level since the early 1970's; but, became involved in Girl Scouts much earlier in life. She became a Brownie at age 5 and then a Girl Scout at age 7. As a young adult, she served as a day camp counselor and director. At 17, she earned the Curved Bar (now known as the Gold Award) which is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn.

Smith's professional career with the Girl Scouts began after graduation from Kentucky. Initially only intending to help out that summer for camping trips, the opportunity arose to be a permanent member of the organization as a field executive. She soon became the director of camping services after two short years later, a position she held until 1991. In 1991 she was promoted to Director of Facilities and Technology. Smith was named CEO of the Girl Scouts of Hoosier Capital Council in 2001 and became CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana in 2007, the first African American in the Indianapolis region to be named to this position, after the reorganization and merger of five local Girl Scouts councils into one. The merger, overseen by Smith, saves over \$1 million dollars annually in administrative costs and has made possible more program opportunities, greater community outreach, as well as maintaining the tools necessary for adult volunteers to ensure the girls continue to grow and develop within the Girl Scouts. She leads an organization that employs 200 permanent and seasonal staff and operates on a \$10 million budget. In September of 2016, Smith moved the headquarters to a permanent home on the west side of Indianapolis. The 7-million-dollar Leadership and Learning Center boasts over 30,000 square feet and is located on the Camp Dellwood campus. It provides space for permanent staff and administrative offices as well as room for leadership training events and a dedicated annual cookie distribution location. This new facility will serve nearly 40,000 Girl Scouts and 18,000 adult volunteers and staff, annually.

During her time as CEO of the largest girl serving non-profit in the state, Smith has focused on prioritizing diversity and inclusion. Through initiatives such as Latinas Taking the Lead, Smith sought to foster a culture of inclusion and to further the Girl Scouts' mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Her work has taken the Girls Scouts to create dedicated relationships with local housing projects and often offers the only outlet for the young women who live there. She has been dedicated to providing any interested girl the chance to experience the benefits of Girl Scouts, regardless of their circumstances by adhering to her philosophy that all girls, regardless of ability or background, should have a chance to succeed. As of 2011, in Indiana thanks to her leadership, one in six Hispanic girls and one in eight African American girls are involved in Girls Scouts.

In 2014, Smith earned the Women of Influence Award from the Indianapolis Business Journal for her work in removing barriers and reaching out to poor and underserved communities. This award was given to only 20 women to recognize them for their outstanding contributions to business, the arts and community and public service in central Indiana.

Other awards include the Indiana Commission for Women Torchbearer Award, Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis Civic Award, Martin University's President's Award, Black Police Association's Community Service Award, and Women's Empowerment Leadership Award.

Deborah Hearn Smith has impacted the lives of nearly one million girls through the Girl Scouts. Smith has dedicated her life to fostering courage, confidence and character in the young women of our community. Thanks to Smith, many generations of Hoosier girls are prepared for their future as well-educated, civically engaged, and philanthropic women. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Deborah Hearn Smith for her 47 years of service. I wish the very best to Smith, her husband, two children Lawrence and Jason, and her four grandchildren in her well-deserved retirement as well as in the next exciting chapter of her life.

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#### PRAY FOR BRECKLYNN

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today to recognize Ms. Brecklynn Allgood, a young neighbor of mine from Gainesville who has been battling cancer since 2015.

Since her initial diagnosis, Brecklynn has endured multiple surgeries and dozens of radiation treatments. Each day that she spends inside the hospital deprives her of the normal life that she has longed for—a life that includes simple joys like playing with her friends and learning at preschool.

Despite her limitations, Brecklynn is a fighter who welcomes each oncoming battle with a smile on her face. I know this because her positive attitude and determination have inspired thousands of Georgians, who now regularly send their love through Facebook and show their support through "Pray for Breck" yard signs and bumper stickers.

Mr. Speaker, I voted in favor of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Act in 2014, a bill that supports pediatric cancer research, and I will continue to commit myself to supporting legislation that brings our nation closer to a cure.

For now, I ask that we pray for Brecklynn and all other children battling cancer, for their steadfast recovery and for their bright futures. Brecklynn's courage and persistence remain an example for us all, and she will be in my thoughts and prayers as she fights to beat her cancer.

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#### RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month this September and the es-

timated 26,000 men who will die from this disease by year's end.

Prostate cancer is a disease that develops in the male reproductive system located in the prostate. Among American males, prostate cancer is the most diagnosed cancer and has the second highest cancer-related cause of death. My own father died of prostate cancer. However, like many other forms of cancer, early detection is vital to successful treatment.

As a nation, we have a duty and responsibility to serve and save the American public. Federal funding for prostate cancer research has accounted for, on average, only 5 percent of our nation's annual cancer research budget even though it is responsible for about 26 percent of all cancer cases and about 9 percent of cancer deaths in men. I encourage my fellow Members of Congress in joining me to make prostate cancer awareness, research, and early detection a national health care priority by ensuring adequate resources are readily available to save American lives. When it comes to saving Americans, we must see to that everyone has a clean bill of health.

Our efforts to bring awareness to prostate cancer must continue beyond the month of September. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to help raise and maintain awareness for this humane cause and invite my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in this fight. Though the number of American men diagnosed with prostate cancer has fallen by nearly 6 percent each year over the past decade, we still have a long ways until a cure can be found.

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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 Thursday, September 14, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Censky, of Missouri, to be Deputy Secretary, and Ted McKinney, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, both of the Department of Agriculture.