

In 2015, Tony sat down with me and my former Chief of Staff to discuss a white paper he wrote for my attention on China. He was a Senior Fellow at The International Strategic Studies Association and was steeped in world history. Tony was a true gentleman and scholar and gave us many great memories. Tony will certainly be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MERRILL O. NAYLOR BEING NAMED A RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 CARNEGIE MEDAL FOR ACTS OF EXTRAORDINARY CIVILIAN HEROISM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and my constituent, Mr. Merrill O. Naylor, of Stephens City, Virginia, who is a recipient of the 2017 Carnegie Medal for Acts of Extraordinary Civilian Heroism.

This year, eighteen individuals from throughout the United States and Canada will receive the Carnegie Medal for risking their lives and showing outstanding courage in saving the life of another person.

Through fire and smoke, Mr. Naylor answered the call for help from his neighbor, Ms. Sheryl C. Lewis, on the evening of November 4, 2015, rescuing her from a burning building that she was trapped in. Mr. Naylor's heroic actions and valor are an inspiration to us all, and serve as an example of the qualities of service and selflessness that we should all aspire to have. The determination and resolve he displayed that day speaks volumes about his character and shed light on the definition of true courage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me and the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District in honoring Mr. Merrill Naylor for his brave service to the people of Stephens City, Virginia. We Americans are so fortunate to have heroes like Merrill Naylor who are willing to put their lives at risk to protect their neighbors, and we honor him on being the recipient of a 2017 Carnegie Medal for Acts of Extraordinary Civilian Heroism.

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

Yesterday, October 22, marked the birth of Bahá'u'lláh. During his life, Bahá'u'lláh touched the lives of all those around him and was known for his charity and his message of the unity of mankind, justice, and peace. His message still lives on today in the religion he founded and in over five million Bahá'ís around the world. Wherever they live, Baha'ís strive to be good citizens, serving their communities and the common good and working side-by-side with other faiths to advance education, interfaith harmony, and international cooperation.

The Bahá'í Faith has spread to every state since arriving in the U.S. more than 120 years ago. I want to specifically highlight the Bahá'í community in Cincinnati. Throughout my time in Congress, I have had the opportunity to meet with Bahá'í representatives many times and to learn how they have enriched and blessed our city.

Unfortunately, the Bahá'ís are not free to practice their religion in Iran, Bahá'u'lláh's homeland. Since the Revolution of 1979, Iran has executed at least 200 Baha'is. 10,000 Bahá'ís have been dismissed from their jobs and 700 have been arrested since 2005. Bahá'ís have seen their homes raided, their property confiscated, and their children denied education.

During my service on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I have vocally supported the Bahá'ís rights in Iran. That is why I joined my colleague, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, to introduce H. Res. 274 earlier this year which once again condemns Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Bahá'í minority. As the Bahá'í celebrate Bahá'u'lláh's birth, we must remember that his followers are not yet free to practice in his homeland.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize this momentous occasion, and wish those Bahá'í in my district, throughout America, and around the world, a joyous celebration.

HONORING REVEREND BARRY W. LYNN OF AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great champion of religious freedom and my friend, the Reverend Barry W. Lynn, who will soon retire after 25 years as executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and an attorney, Rev. Lynn has paired his two callings and been a leader in the fight to protect our civil rights and civil liberties, especially the First Amendment. His work has helped protect our right to believe (or not) as we see fit and guarantee that the government does not promote religion. Rev. Lynn has been on the frontlines of the fight to ensure that religion is not used as an excuse to discriminate against others, dictate people's private lives, tell others whom they can love, or limit people's access to healthcare.

Under Rev. Lynn's leadership, Americans United has grown into one of the most prominent organizations in the country working to protect religious freedom. During his tenure, the organization has led the charge to defend the wall of separation between church and state.

Rev. Lynn's tenure is marked by efforts to ensure that all people feel welcomed in their community regardless of their faith. He led Americans United's fight to ensure that students at public schools were taught science rather than creationism in their classrooms and for the removal the 2½ ton monument to the Ten Commandments erected at the Alabama Supreme Court. During his leadership, Americans United successfully stopped a pro-

posed constitutional amendment to allow public school-sponsored prayers and fought for women's health and equality when it stood up for students when their university cited religion to block their access to birth control.

Rev. Lynn is an author and educator who has shared his expertise with audiences across the country, giving speeches, appearing on television, hosting his long-running radio show, and testifying in Congress, about why the constitutional principle of church-state separation is the only way to ensure freedom of religion for all Americans.

Although he will now have more time to spend with his twin grandchildren, just born this summer, Rev. Lynn's lifelong passion for social justice remains. I feel confident he will continue to engage in social justice issues and stand up for important causes for years to come.

It has been my pleasure to work with Rev. Lynn over the last two decades. I commend him for his transformational service to Americans United, our Constitution, and our country, and I wish him well in his retirement.

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, October 24, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 25

Time to be announced

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Melissa Sue Glynn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Integration), Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing naval forces and the Navy's current and planned capabilities to meet those threats.

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