

family. He also leaves behind countless fire service professionals who benefited from his teachings. It will be their responsibility to preserve Chief Holmes' legacy and carry forward his teachings.

On behalf of my fellow Co-Chairs of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I extend my sympathies to the Holmes family on the passing of a great fire service leader.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH AND JERRY  
POLAK

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ruth and Jerry Polak of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 29, 1947 in Minnesota.

Ruth and Jerry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together, and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them nothing but the best.

BOULDER CREST RETREAT FOR  
MILITARY AND VETERAN  
WELLNESS

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2017*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, welcome and congratulate Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veterans Wellness in Sonoita, Arizona.

I have known the team at Boulder Crest for several years. Their work and commitment to veteran and military families is exceptional.

Retired U.S. Navy bomb disposal expert, Master Chief Ken Falke and his wife, Julia, started Boulder Crest after visiting wounded Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. They saw a need for a place outside of the hospital where personnel and families could relax and recover. Boulder Crest provides free, short-term retreats for military members, veterans, and their families.

Boulder Crest aims to solve the mental health issues and offers an opportunity to military members, veterans, and their families to recover and heal from combat-related stress and PTSD. During retreats, families stay in private accommodations and participate in recreational and healing activities focused on posttraumatic growth. The first location, in Virginia, has hosted over 3,000 personnel since 2013. As they open their new location in Arizona, I am excited they are expanding to our

state and will be able to help more military members, veterans, and families.

Boulder Crest's Arizona is located approximately 60 miles from Tucson in Sonoita, Arizona on 130 acres of land near Parker Canyon. On the property, there are three homes, a lodge where guests can gather, an archery range, nature trails, a playground, organic garden, bird sanctuary, and fishing pond. Families are able to heal in the comfort of nature.

This organization is able to offer life-changing opportunities thanks to selfless volunteers and generous donors. Each year, tens of thousands of Americans lose their lives to suicide in our country, including an estimated 20 veterans every day. These figures represent one life lost every 72 minutes. Boulder Crest offers military members, veterans, and families as chance to recover and prevents the loss of lives.

I would like to thank Ken and Julia Falke, their team, and all the individuals who make Boulder Crest possible. I am proud Arizona is able to assist in their mission.

HONORING THE SHIPPENSBURG  
UNIVERSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2017*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Shippensburg University Field Hockey Team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II National Championship title for the second year in a row.

The Shippensburg University Field Hockey Team serves as a beacon of success for Pennsylvania collegiate sports and illustrates the high quality of athletic talent that exists at Shippensburg University. The Shippensburg Raiders have built their program into an athletic powerhouse, winning three of the last five national championships. This year's win was especially impressive as they once again defeated the number-one seeded team, the Long Island University Post-Pioneers, with a strong score of 4–1. Upon winning this coveted title for the second consecutive year, the Raiders made university sports history by being the first of the school's teams to successfully defend a national title.

These phenomenal athletes serve as an example for not only aspiring female field hockey players, but for all Pennsylvania youths. Their drive, commitment, and talent are a great source of pride for the university and the community at large. I am honored to represent the Shippensburg University Field Hockey Team and take great pride in their remarkable accomplishment and continued success.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Shippensburg University Field Hockey Team and congratulating these athletes on their well-deserved NCAA Division II National Championship Victory.

TRIBUTE TO KJELLA AND DOUG  
PIPER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kjella and Doug Piper of Panorama, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 2, 2017.

Kjella and Doug's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together, and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but the best.

RECOGNIZING MEREDITH ANDERSON,  
JACK JOHNSTONE AND  
JACKSON NOCK

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2017*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Meredith Anderson, Jack Johnstone, and Jackson Nock for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, D.C. office for the autumn of the 115th Congress, First Session.

The work of these young professionals has been nothing short of exemplary. During their time in my office, Meredith, Jack and Jackson served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, conducted legislative research and learned a great deal about the United States Congress. I know they all have especially bright futures ahead of them and I look forward to seeing them build their prospective careers.

Meredith, Jack, and Jackson have made plans to continue their education and professional occupations in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Meredith Anderson, Jack Johnstone, and Jackson Nock for their service this autumn.

DOWN ON THE BORDER

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2017*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a poem, on behalf of Albert Carey Caswell, to honor the brave men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol. All across our Nation these servicemen and women risk their

lives daily to protect us in a very demanding and dangerous job.

DOWN ON THE BORDER

(By Albert Caswell)

Down on the border  
 There are men and women of such high order  
 Standing tall to provide law and order  
 Who live and die to hold that line as evil  
 they quarter,  
 Because, keeping us safe is such a tall order.  
 Protecting our borders  
 On the ground, on the water, or up in the air  
 everywhere,  
 As a heroic bond they share,  
 Because, each day is a war.  
 Leaving home with one last hug and kiss  
 goodbye,  
 not knowing if they'll be home for sure.  
 Down on the border  
 These are the men and women of law and  
 order  
 Who serve and protect  
 Whose sworn duty is not to neglect  
 Only the best from them can we expect.  
 Down on the border  
 As all across the country such lawlessness  
 they quarter  
 While, working in the harshest of conditions  
 In the heat of the day or in the darkness of  
 night making the toughest decisions,  
 With only seconds to decide.  
 Down on the border  
 Who lives or dies depends on you as to the  
 challenge they rise  
 Standing tall in their most heroic hues oh  
 high.  
 Down on the border,  
 and all across this country as these are the  
 men and women of law and order try  
 To serve and protect us as upon them we  
 rely.  
 Down on the border  
 Yea it's a tough and demanding job,  
 reminiscent of the wild . . . wild . . . west  
 . . . as each moment evolves  
 Demanding only the finest these problems to  
 solve  
 Who selflessly give all to this job.  
 Down on the border  
 Today we lost another great man  
 Who for all of us took his most courageous  
 stand  
 Trying to keep us all safe throughout this  
 land  
 Families, now with children without Moms  
 and Dads,  
 Parent's, who lost their most precious Sons  
 and Daughters they'll ever have,  
 Brothers and Sisters on that thin blue line  
 who have lost their best friends so sad.  
 Down on the border  
 For they know all to well  
 That a country which can't protect its bor-  
 ders that in time will tell,  
 Will become a place where only lawlessness  
 dwells,  
 Because, innocent people should not have to  
 live through such hell.  
 Down on the border where all their hearts  
 swell  
 On this day remember The Border Patrol,  
 Who for all us give their hearts and souls,  
 Until, their blood runs cold.  
 Say a prayer for all those to come home safe  
 to their loved ones to hold,  
 These magnificent men and women who pave  
 the way of hearts of gold.  
 Down on the border where its life and death  
 every day so very cold,  
 In your hearts ever hold a place,  
 For these men and women who for us such  
 danger must face,  
 Down on the border.

TRIBUTE TO TIM SINDT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tim Sindt, a member of the Ankeny High School cross country team, for winning the Class 4A state boys' cross country championship earlier this year.

After finishing eighth in the 2016 champion-ship, Tim committed himself to a strict training regimen and gives a lot of credit to his coaches for building confidence in him and his teammates leading up to the 2017 season. At this year's meet, Tim finished the 3.1 mile race in an astounding 15 minutes and 23.7 seconds, propelling him to the top of his sport in the state of Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, Tim's determination, hard work, and commitment helped contribute to his great success. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tim for winning this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

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, December 5, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.  
 Special Committee on Aging  
 To hold hearings to examine America's aging workforce, focusing on opportunities and challenges. SD-562

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Environment and Public Works  
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense. SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine adapting to defend the Homeland against the evolving international terrorist threat. SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine challenges facing Superfund and waste cleanup efforts following natural disasters. SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine beyond ISIS, focusing on countering terrorism, radicalization, and promoting stability in North Africa. SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims. SD-628

DECEMBER 7

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, both of the Department of Education, Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, and other pending nominations. TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense acquisition reform efforts. SD-G50

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on progress and the path forward for medical innovation. SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the