

of the Pacific Forum. Admiral Vasey is truly a shining example of "the greatest generation."

Although Admiral Vasey accomplished more than most in life, his work to remind us of our past in order to inform our future remains unfulfilled. For years, Admiral Vasey has advocated for the establishment of a memorial at Pearl Harbor to honor service members who lost their lives throughout the Pacific during World War II. In his words:

There is no recognition of the brave Americans who were lost in the Pacific War . . . They are resting on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean somewhere, or their remains are scattered across the South Pacific islands. We need to honor them, and their families need a place to mourn.

From 1941, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, through 1945, our nation suffered over 150,000 casualties in the Pacific.

Last year, Congressman ROB BISHOP and I introduced H.R. 4300, the Admiral Lloyd "Joe" Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Act, which would realize Admiral Vasey's vision. This bill would establish a Pacific War memorial at Pearl Harbor, nearby the USS *Arizona* Memorial and USS *Missouri*. H.R. 4300 passed the House a few weeks after introduction by unanimous consent with 89 bipartisan cosponsors. It is my hope the Senate passes H.R. 4300 very soon.

Admiral Vasey's endless patriotism, devotion to duty, and desire to promote peace continue to be an example for us all. Happy 101st birthday, Admiral Vasey, and may you continue to have fair winds and following seas.

HONORING 2018 EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD RECIPIENT MAMIE LANFORD SINGLETON

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Mamie Lanford Singleton, my nominee for the 2018 Excellence in Mentoring Award. On January 24th, 2018, Ms. Singleton received this distinguished honor from the National Mentoring Partnership in a ceremony at the Library of Congress.

Ms. Singleton is a one-of-a-kind motivator and innovator. A retired Sergeant of the Saint Paul Police Department and founder and executive director of the Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies, she was one of the first African American women to rise through the ranks of Minnesota law enforcement. There she spent twenty years working to improve police community relations in Saint Paul.

Ms. Singleton brought this experience to Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies, which pairs police officers and community mentors with youth in tutoring and aviation flight training. Through this work, she has introduced countless young people to aviation and other career fields they may have not otherwise encountered.

Between her work at Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies, her personal investment in mentoring programs, and her many volunteer and board commitments, she continues to be a tireless ambassador for people of color and to influence a future generation of pilots.

Through mentorships, young people can navigate through life's challenges—be they

personal, academic or professional—to reach their full potential. Caring mentors can make all the difference in the life of someone who is at risk of falling off-track.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mamie Lanford Singleton on this well-deserved recognition for her inspiring work on behalf of young people.

HANG ON COWBOY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, his voice is heard by more than 60 million people across the country each year, but to us in Houston, Mr. Bob Tallman has been known as "The Voice" of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo since 1982.

Tallman's hometown is Winnemucca, Nevada, where he announced his first rodeo in 1970, but he says his heart and soul belong to Texas. Tallman enjoys anything involving the western lifestyle. He and his wife, Kristen, raise cattle on their ranch in Weatherford, Texas. Bob and Kristen have one daughter, Nicole, and are grandparents to boy and girl twins, who were actually born in Fort Worth during the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

In a typical year, Tallman is on the road for 270 days of year. For more than four decades, Tallman has entertained audiences at some of the top rodeos in the country. His ability to educate people about the professional rodeo has earned this 6 time Announcer of the Year the distinguished honor of being inducted into the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, The National Cowboy Hall of Fame and The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. In 2000, he established what he considers his greatest honor, Bob Tallman's Charities. He holds his annual golf tournament in Houston and benefits the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Pediatric Programs and the J. Pat Evans Research Foundation.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo has committed more than \$450 million to the youth of Texas through scholarship and grants.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's mission statement is "to promote agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage and provides year-round educational support within the community." And I can't think of anyone better that Houston could have as the voice of Rodeo Houston.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, during my medical recovery, I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

January 9, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 2

Yea on Roll Call No. 3

Yea on Roll Call No. 4

January 10, 2018

Nay on Roll Call No. 5

Nay on Roll Call No. 6

Nay on Roll Call No. 7

Yea on Roll Call No. 8

Yea on Roll Call No. 9

Yea on Roll Call No. 10

Yea on Roll Call No. 11

Yea on Roll Call No. 12

Yea on Roll Call No. 13

January 11, 2018

Nay on Roll Call No. 14

Nay on Roll Call No. 15

Yea on Roll Call No. 16

Yea on Roll Call No. 17

January 16, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 18

Yea on Roll Call No. 19

January 17, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 20

Yea on Roll Call No. 21

Yea on Roll Call No. 22

Yea on Roll Call No. 23

Yea on Roll Call No. 24

Yea on Roll Call No. 25

Yea on Roll Call No. 26

January 18, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 27

Yea on Roll Call No. 28

Yea on Roll Call No. 29

Yea on Roll Call No. 30

Nay on Roll Call No. 31

Yea on Roll Call No. 32

Yea on Roll Call No. 33

Yea on Roll Call No. 34

January 19, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 35

Yea on Roll Call No. 36

Nay on Roll Call No. 37

January 20, 2018

Yea on Roll Call No. 38

Present on Roll Call No. 39

Yea on Roll Call No. 40

Yea on Roll Call No. 41

Yea on Roll Call No. 42

Yea on Roll Call No. 43.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. CLARENCE PAGE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the career and accomplishments of Mr. Clarence Page, as he receives the prestigious W.M. Kiplinger Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award from the National Press Foundation.

For fifty years, Mr. Page has been a consistent and authentic voice for our nation, and has earned the respect of his peers and his audiences as a reporter, editor, syndicated columnist, author, and commentator.

Born in Dayton and raised in Middletown, Mr. Page found his passion early in life. He began working as a freelance writer and photographer for the Middletown Journal and the Cincinnati Enquirer when he was just seventeen years old. His work propelled him to Athens in order to pursue a bachelor of science

in journalism at Ohio University, and his alma mater named him Alumnus of the Year in 2015.

The accolades of Mr. Page hardly stop there. In 1972, he was serving as a reporter and assistant editor for the Chicago Tribune and participated in a Task Force series on vote fraud that earned a Pulitzer Prize. His work was again honored with a Pulitzer Prize in 1989, this time, for Commentary.

Mr. Page's contributions to our nation are immeasurable. Tackling issues from race to vote fraud, he has never shied away from the difficult stories. Rather, he has approached each with "good humor and humility," as the National Press Foundation astutely stated.

He is incredibly deserving of this honor, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Clarence Page, and thank him for his unwavering commitment to the free press and the truth.

FAITH, FAMILY, AND FLOODING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we know that Houston is "Houston strong", but what makes us so strong is the faithful and determined volunteers in our community. I wanted to commend the Prince of Peace Catholic Community for their efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Over 1,500 volunteers were utilized through the Mercy Ministry's relief efforts, which included distributing flood buckets, clothing, gift cards, and food. Over 3,200 hot meals and 2,000 lunches were served to 12 different neighborhoods over a span of 7 days. They collaborated with Champions Forest Baptist Church to work together to assist in the demolition and clean-up process.

The Mercy Ministry not only provided physical assistance, but emotional support. They have talked with over 160 families and assisted in prayer.

In hard times like the one Houston experienced, emotional encouragement to those suffering is better than offering a mop and bucket.

Weeks after Harvey, the Mercy Ministry was contacted from churches all over the Nation in hopes of getting some help to Houston. From Louisiana, Wisconsin, Colorado, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio. These churches sent tractor trailers full of donations from cleaning supplies, to handmade quilts and care packages for kids.

Now, more than ever, our city needs the spiritual nourishment and support that our local churches can provide. Houston still has a long recovery to go, but what will pull us through are our faith driven volunteers, and the power of prayer.

And that's just the way it is.

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 commit-

tees, 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, February 6, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine cost and competition among rheumatoid arthritis therapies.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 414 and H.R. 1107, bills to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, S. 441, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 507, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 612 and H.R. 1547, bills to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, S. 1046, to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act, S. 1219 and H.R. 3392, bills to provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, S. 1222, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 1481, to make technical corrections to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 1665 and H.R. 2582, bills to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, S. 2062, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey at market

value certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona, S. 2206, to release certain wilderness study areas in the State of Montana, S. 2218, to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station, S. 2249, to permanently reauthorize the Rio Puerco Management Committee and the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, H.R. 995, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations, and H.R. 1404, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the impact of Federal environmental regulations and policies on American farming and ranching communities.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on positioning DHS to address new and emerging threats to the Homeland.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine defending the homeland, focusing on Department of Defense's role in countering weapons of mass destruction.

SR-232A

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 242, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit veterans to grant access to their records in the databases of the Veterans Benefits Administration to certain designated congressional employees, S. 624, to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed, S. 1072, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, S. 2038, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of herbicide exposure for certain veterans who served in Korea, S. 2097, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the administration of State homes furnishing care to veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2105, to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, S. 2107, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, S. 2131, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans, S. 2247, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision