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Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on April 13, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BRADFORD HOLMES

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 9, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bradford Holmes as he receives a Prisoner-Of-War medal for his service and sacrifice during World War II.

Bradford was born on September 29, 1925 and now resides in Onset, MA. Growing up he worked for a cranberry company. At the age of eighteen, Bradford was drafted into the United States Army, following the footsteps of his older brother.

Bradford started at Fort Devens in Massachusetts and then trained at several bases across the country, eventually ending up in Camp Atterbury in Indiana, where he joined the 106th division. He was later shipped overseas to England to receive more training. Bradford then headed through Belgium to the front lines as a part of the 423rd Regiment.

Moving through wood lines and digging fox holes through the frozen ground, they made their way to the front, but they were surrounded and Bradford was captured during the Battle of the Bulge on December 17, 1944. They walked for several days through snow, sleeping by the side of the road at night. They spent the holidays locked in train cars and his train was attacked by the Allies, not realizing that POWs were on board.

Bradford was taken to the German POW Camp, Stalag IV-B, where he volunteered to go on a work detail to escape the horrible conditions of the camp. Bradford was sent to start working in a furniture factory. Here he looked forward to air raids because they caused factory workers to flee and gave him an opportunity to run and find food. Later he and other POWs were forced to cut down and haul out

trees in the mountains. Even with three men on each side of the tree, this was incredibly difficult and dangerous. They lost many men as a result. As air raids increased, they were forced to walk fifteen miles to the border of Czechoslovakia. Finally, they were abandoned by their captors as the Red Army advanced and the POWs followed German civilians to allied territory.

After returning to the United States, Bradford got married and started a family of his own.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bradford Holmes for his service and dedication to his country. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his work and in wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

#### 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, April 10, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### APRIL 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine Special Operations Command's efforts to transform the force for future security challenges; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.

SR-232A

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick Fuchs, of Wisconsin, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kirsten Dawn Madison, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Narcotics and Law En-

forcement Affairs), and Thomas J. Hushek, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “The Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018”.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency, focusing on prioritizing a culture of preparedness.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nancy E. Brasel, and Eric C. Tostrud, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Robert R. Summerhays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 2602, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-138

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2018–2028.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine unleashing America's economic potential.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-192