

world class marching bands. The Sudler Shield is one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon high school bands and recognizes exemplary teaching. This eternal designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication conductor Jeff Neavor and his students have put into their band.

Morton High School serves nearly one thousand students and employs over seventy teachers and administrators in Central Illinois, who do a phenomenal job of educating young men and young women. The Morton community exemplifies the values of hard work and determination rooted in Central Illinois and this honor shows us what is possible when these values are put into action. I extend my sincere congratulations to conductor Jeff Neavor and Morton High School Band on this prestigious honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to travel to Washington in time to vote on Monday, May 21 due to a family obligation.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; and YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

TRIBUTE TO PAMELA AND LESTER SWICK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Pam and Les Swick of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 28, 1968 at First Christian Church in Council Bluffs.

Pam and Les' lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. 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.

HONORING THE LOISAIDA, INC. CENTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Loisaida Inc. Center Festival Committee on its 31st Annual Celebration in the Lower Eastside of Manhattan, New York. The festival was initially founded by grassroots leaders in the LES and led by Puerto Rican activists and Latino residents in the 1970's during a dark period in the community. Its goal was to provide a festive local fair for underserved families who could not afford to go away for the holiday weekend.

Loisaida Inc. was formally incorporated as a local development corporation in 1978. Throughout the years, a once single block event is now a major cultural celebration attracting more than 30,000 visitors. The fair features the Nuyoricán—Latin American cultural contributions to the historic immigrant tapestry of the LES. It is a chance for locals and visitors alike to enjoy day long theater, craft, music and delicious food.

This year's theme is Bridging Resurgence: From Sandy to Maria, an urgent reminder of the continuing struggles of the Puerto Rican people and New Yorkers who suffered after Sandy. The Loisaida Center remains committed to the Island's recovery as an affirmation of the neighborhood's Puerto Rican heritage.

I also want to recognize and congratulate this year's VIVA Loisaida honorees for their tireless lifetime commitment to social justice and bettering the community: Damaris Reyes, Executive Director of GOLES; Dr. Manuel Moran, Founder of Teatro SEA; Aixa O. Torres, community leader and President of Alfred E. Smith Housing Residents Association; and Luis and Abigail Rivera owners and son and daughter of Adela Fargas, beloved community icon and founder of Puerto Rican restaurant Casa Adela.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the rich history and legacy of The Loisaida Center Festival.

TRIBUTE TO CLEL BAUDLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iowa State Representative

Clel Baudler. Mr. Baudler retired from the Iowa House of Representatives after 20 years of service.

Clel dreamed of public service as a child and worked diligently to make his dream come true. Before his service in the House, Clel served with the Iowa State Patrol as a state trooper for 32 years. He has been an active figure in the fight for the second amendment in the Iowa House and has fought industriously against illegal drugs. Clel also was a major supporter of the state's natural resources during his time as a state representative. Clel has been married to Mary Carole for many years, and has four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren that will keep him busy during his retirement years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Representative Clel Baudler for this milestone, and thank him for providing leadership to the state of Iowa. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Clel and 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 Thursday, May 24, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.