

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 421 and 422.

HONORING THE 2019 ACADEMY NOMINEES OF THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy pea coats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than most other districts in the country. In fact, this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above average portion of its sons and daughters to the nation's military academies for decades.

This fact should not come as a surprise. The educational excellence of area schools is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830s, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve? In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, a further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism and handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process, the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating can-

didates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

My Academy Review Board is composed of local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area; many are veterans. Although from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common vision, that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on the board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 50 outstanding young men and women every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform my office of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In late November, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of 2 days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may not appear on paper.

This year the board interviewed 50 applicants. The Board's recommendations are then forwarded to the academies, where recruiters review files and notify applicants of their final decision on admission.

As these highly motivated and talented young men and women go through the academy nominating process, never let us forget the sacrifice they are preparing to make: to defend our country and protect our citizens. This holds especially true at a time when our nation is fighting the war against terrorism. Whether it is in the Middle East, Africa or other troubled spots around the world, no doubt we are constantly reminded that wars are fought by the young. And, while our military missions are both important and dangerous, it is reassuring to know that we continue to put America's best and brightest in command.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2019, 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Matthew Forget, St. Peter's Preparatory School
James Galbraith, Morristown High School
Sarah Houser, Morristown High School
Justus von Lengerke, Montclair Kimberly Academy
Lazarra Mazza-Hilway, Passaic Valley High School
John Pendergrast, West Morris Mendham High School

Paul Rickershauser, Morristown High School
Bradley Rindos, Chatham High School
Rachel Schneider, Passaic County Technical Institute
Tori Seeland, Sparta High School

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Connor Collins, Mountain Lakes High School
Mission Kercher, Mountain Lakes High School
Ryan Mayes, Chatham High School
Mason Morales, Bloomfield High School
Grace Rose, Passaic Valley Regional High School
Carter Sheridan, Sparta High School

MILITARY ACADEMY

Russell Eberding, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School
Reilly Hughes, Montclair Kimberly Academy
Sean Lee, Chatham High School
Patrick McGurrin, Sparta High School
Colin Morgan, West Orange High School
Pierce Moul, West Orange High School
Maria Pacelli, Wayne Valley High School
Connor Tsikitas, St. Joseph's Regional High School
Edward Wolf, Depaul Catholic High School
Kai Youngren, Newark Academy

NAVAL ACADEMY

Matthew Dubois, Xavier High School
Stuart Fechhelm, West Morris Mendham High School
Nicolas Galup, St. Peter's Preparatory School
Douglas Gologorsky, Montville Township High School
Arush Naidu, Delbarton High School
Calvin Poche, University of Wisconsin-Madison
William Stoddard, Sparta High School
Quinten Tomaro, Chatham High School
Sarah Williams, Morristown-Beard School
Antonio Zaccaria, West Essex Regional High School

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Education Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss important education issues in Indiana. During the time I've served in Congress, numerous education issues have been at the center of the national stage. This Committee advised me on everything from school nutrition to higher education finance. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosiers from the 6th Congressional District in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Dave Pfaff, Dave

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Adams, Jim Roberts, Chris Hoke, Ryan Mikus, Paul Ketcham, Jeff Whorley, Jr., John Ellserer, Dennis Ice, Elizabeth Jones, Kathleen Mote, Chris Gage, Jill Landers, Sam Snideman, Steve Fisher, Mary McCoy, Tim Scales, Curt Merlau, and Brelyn Nolting.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

RECOGNIZING BRADLY A.
HARDEL'S THIRTY YEARS OF
SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bradley A. Hardel's thirty years of service in law enforcement, and the successful legacy he leaves as Waupaca County's top law enforcement officer. Sheriff Hardel's outstanding career consists of many professional accomplishments that reflect the caliber of his leadership and service.

Sheriff Hardel began working for the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department in 1988 as a dispatch officer. His work ethic and diligence allowed him to climb the ranks of the department from dispatcher to patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and finally Sheriff. In 2007 he was elected Waupaca County Sheriff, a true testament to his dedication to Waupaca and his leadership abilities. From dispatch officer to Sheriff, Mr. Hardel has earned the respect of his peers and community not only in Waupaca County, but across the entire state of Wisconsin.

During Sheriff Hardel's tenure, the county experienced incredible growth and improvements, including the establishment of a K-9 unit and rescue SWAT vehicle. Sheriff Hardel has provided steadfast and unfailing leadership during times of change, while supporting his department and protecting our communities. Sheriff Hardel's concern for all officers has been instrumental in promoting a positive, healthy atmosphere.

Mr. Hardel leaves large shoes to fill in the Sheriff's office, and his legacy and impact will not soon be forgotten. There is no doubt that Sheriff Hardel will be missed by the officers who worked and served with him, the county officials who depended upon him, and the members of the communities he helped keep safe. As Sheriff Hardel steps down to pursue other interests, I have no doubt he will continue to serve as a leader in Waupaca County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Mr. Hardel for his service as Sheriff and thank him for his long career protecting the great state of Wisconsin.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR, U.S. ARMY,
RETIRED, TRUDY LEE CALDWELL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trudy Lee Caldwell. She was a veteran, social justice activist, devoted daughter and sister. Trudy was born on September 19, 1967, and passed away at the age of 51 on November 7, 2018.

She was born in Madden, Mississippi, raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and graduated from James Madison High School. She enlisted in the United States Army in 1985 after graduating from high school. At the end of her initial enlistment, Trudy attended and graduated from Fayetteville State University (FSU) cum laude. While in attendance at FSU she served as both Student Government Association President and student representative on the University's Board of Trustees, became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps.

Trudy Caldwell's assignments during her military service spanned the globe and only accentuated her worldwide perspective in approaching issues. She was selected for the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), Office of the Secretary of Defense Internship Program. This internship Program led to assignments with the Joint Staff and the Army's Congressional Liaison Office. It was my pleasure to first meet Trudy while she was assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives as part of the Army's Congressional Liaison Office in 2004. Under the auspices of the JCS, Office of the Secretary of Defense Internship Program, Trudy completed her Master's Degree from Georgetown University's highly venerated McCourt School of Public Policy. She also served a work placement in my congressional office as part of her graduate studies concentrating on Veteran's Issues; Trudy was a valuable asset bringing her knowledge and years of military service to assist the staff and constituents of the 4th Congressional District.

Major Caldwell lived life to the fullest and I was pleased to celebrate her 50th birthday with her and other friends two years ago in Milwaukee. Trudy achieved one of her goals to establish the Myrick Woodley Leadership Institute. The Institute mission is to inspire and empower youth in the greater Milwaukee area to develop to pursue STEM careers in non-traditional sectors. Youth would be exposed to opportunities at home in Washington, DC. The youth would become informed and engaged world citizens and leaders while carrying out her vision greater exposure and growth for youth. Major Caldwell retired from active duty in 2009 after an accumulated service of 20 years. After retirement, she continued her public service as a Department the Army Civilians and worked for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army in procurement where she worked until her transition.

She leaves behind many friends, admirers and family members to mourn her passing including: her mother Eliza B. Myrick; sisters Hope Myrick and Charlotte Woodley, a niece and nephew. Major Trudy Lee Caldwell made

a positive impact on Milwaukee Wisconsin and the world. I am proud to call Trudy my friend. Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I rise to pay tribute to a woman whose legacy will continue to benefit the Fourth Congressional District for years.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FAITH BASED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Faith Based Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss important faith issues in Indiana. During the time I've served in Congress, numerous issues relating to religious freedom, life, marriage, and faith have been at the center of the national stage. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosiers from the 6th Congressional District in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Glenn Tebbe, Clay Morgan, Steve Yeaton, Larry Gember, Sister Joan Miller, Frank Baldwin, Ryan McCann, Shane Whybrew, Pamela Russell, Mathew Barnes, Brett Fischer, and Marcus Schrader.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

JOSEPH AND CHANUKAH

HON. SCOTT TAYLOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Born in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR) in 1945, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors and spent his early childhood in Displaced Persons Camps in Austria and Germany before moving to Haifa, Israel in 1949.

The great and most colorful Joseph saga extends over four Torah portions and thirteen Biblical chapters! How opportune it is as we celebrate the miracle of Chanukah and the reading of Joseph's awesome adventures, that the Jewish experience has often been to find ourselves like Joseph, in the darkness of the pit, without losing faith in the light of redemption yet to emerge. As we kindle this season the Chanukah menorah's sacred lights of eternal hope for a world transformed through Sholom's gifts, we remember the 11 lost shining lights targeted on Shabbat by the venom of the precipitous rise of anti-Semitic darkness (Western civilization's oldest disease) at the historic Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. It was the deadliest attack on Jews on American soil. Indeed, an attack on what America, the

world's leading democracy, is all about. We should ponder with somber soul-searching: How could an American perpetrate such criminal carnage in sacred space and time? Lady Liberty is shedding tears.

As a family member of the surviving remnant of European Jewry, the committed atrocity is reminiscent of the Holocaust. How tragically poignant that the Pittsburgh massacre happened only days before observing the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht (November 9–10, 1938), the Holocaust's precursor, when Synagogues and Jewish businesses were set ablaze throughout Germany, 91 Jews were killed, and 30,000 Jews were sent to concentration camps. The Holocaust's lessons should be taught on all education levels, even as we continue to trust in the overriding goodness of the American people. However, we should ever strengthen our democratic institutions and not take them for granted!

In Pittsburgh, two worshippers and four heroic police officers were wounded as well. In the precious honor of all martyred victims, first respondents and our own, let us pledge to spread more loving and enlightening light (the violated synagogue also carries the name, Or L'simcha, namely the delight of celebration) as we affirm that the radiant lights of our fallen fellow Jews will not be driven out. Their undying lights will continue through us and all fellow Americans to turn blemishes into blessings and the evil darkness of all forms of racist hatred into redeeming lights of love. Let us engage in random acts of kindness, as well as reach out to people at large! The four thousand year old inspiring Menorah of Jewish life lit by the Maccabees of all ages will not be extinguished! It was reassuring at the moving gathering vigil organized by the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater at the Sandler Family Campus and Simon Family JCC in Virginia Beach, to have a large assembly with interfaith and community leaders in attendance, including Congressmen Scott Taylor and Bobby Scott.

Just like Joseph, the dreamer and interpreter of incredible dreams (he should have kept some of them to himself!), the Jewish people have believed that noble as well as disturbing dreams have the potential and power to transform reality. In the way of Joseph, who was not accepted by his own immature and treacherous kin, begrudging his unique spirit and grandiose ideas of a dreamy youngster whose father's favoritism put him at risk, we have felt isolated throughout much of history.

We have been rejected for insisting on living our own authentic lives as a minority, yet willing to stand up to the majority if necessary. Our faithfulness to the dictates of our faith and conscience has been interpreted as a negative reflection of aloofness rather than one of a proud choice. Joseph, through his mind's genius and heart's compassion, was able to save both his adopted empire of Egypt and his family from small Canaan. In the process, he taught us that borders and feelings need not be obstacles to a constructive response to the urgent demands of life and death issues.

Joseph managed to transcend his personal insecurities and apprehensions in order to accomplish the larger and lasting goals of putting his substantial talents to the beneficial use of society, rather than dwelling on past hurts and injustices that could have crippled him and others. Thus, he wisely chose the high road allowing him to become a great Egyptian, while earning his status as a great Hebrew brother and leader, whose early self-centered dreams turned into a blessed reality for all concerned through maturity of character wrought by trials and tribulations.

The ultimate challenge though of this mighty ruler, second only to Pharaoh, as is often the human case, was to conquer and control his own raging passions, which he had already proven with tempting and aggressive Mrs. Potiphar, earning him the Rabbi's honorific appellation "Hatzadik" (The saintly one). He was able to repeat it with his brothers at the pinnacle of his brilliant career with so much at stake for himself and for them. What a moving moment of victory it is for all concerned, when Joseph can no longer hold back his tears, and eagerly desires to reveal his true identity to his overwhelmed brothers, not quite realizing that they would never recover from the shock of the encounter and/or from the guilt that would continue to burden them.

Perhaps Joseph's favorable decision to reach out to them was ultimately prompted by Judah's display of sincere love for Brother Benjamin (Joseph's younger brother and Rachel was their mother) as well as for father Jacob's well-being. Earlier, Joseph learned of his brothers' remorse and fear when being challenged by him, acknowledging their past wrongdoing. Upon reconnecting to his family, he was able to rejoin his roots and was thus ennobled and made whole. Joseph could have abandoned his Hebrew background, protecting his painfully acquired identity and status, but he knew that his remarkable life's success had to carry a humbling message of healing and gratitude.

Joseph appeals to us in his touching humaneness, which is not lost when he becomes powerful, and his survivor's skills of ascending from the pit to the palace inspire us, realizing that it reflects the historic Jewish challenge to survive and even thrive in a harsh reality. He is the prototype model of the modern Jew, enlightening us about living in two worlds. He was able to perceive God's guiding hand in his tumultuous life, steeled and sensitized by adversity turned into advantage. Joseph and those with the Maccabees' spirit have taught us that to be a Jew is to somehow make a difference, reducing darkness and rejoicing in the light's promise.

RECOGNIZING WEBB BROWN OF HELENA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Webb Brown of Helena for his decades of leadership in advancing Montana's business community and our job creators.

Mr. Brown recently announced his retirement after 20 years as president and CEO of the Montana Chamber of Commerce and executive director of the Montana Chamber Foundation.

A fifth-generation Montanan from Trout Creek, Mr. Brown has been a strong voice and tireless advocate for Montana businesses since the early 1990s. Before taking the helm of the Montana Chamber of Commerce in 1999, he led business development organizations in Thompson Falls, Lewistown, and Billings.

Under his steady leadership, the Montana Chamber has grown larger and stronger, effectively advancing the interests of Montana businesses at the local, state, and federal levels.

Mr. Brown has been instrumental in spearheading many initiatives to cultivate a more

competitive climate for businesses in Montana. I got to know him as we worked together on initiatives promoting entrepreneurship and expanding telecommuting to bring our kids back home to Montana.

With the help of Mr. Brown and the Montana Chamber of Commerce, entrepreneurship has flourished in Montana. Our state leads the nation in entrepreneurship with more than 1 in 10 Montanans owning a business, according to a 2016 Kauffman Foundation report.

Mr. Speaker, for his dedication to making Montana more business friendly, for his commitment to creating jobs and opportunity for more Montanans, and for always putting Montana first, I recognize Webb Brown for his spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served of the 6th Congressional District Veterans Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss emerging veterans issues in Indiana. We owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans and for their service and sacrifices to our country. Ensuring we honor the commitment to all of those who have served has been a top priority of mine since coming to Congress. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosier veterans' priorities in Congress.

I want to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Emmy Hildebrand, Mark Pillar, and Rick Caldwell. I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all veterans. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on December 15, 2018, Brevard County families, businesses and local community organizations will gather together to celebrate the Tenth Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza. This wonderful event, which will take place at Fred Poppe Regional Park in Palm Bay, FL, will provide an uplifting message of hope and future during this Christmas season.

The House Church, the City of Palm Bay Parks & Recreation, Gator Automotive, Thrifty Produce, Chick-Fil-A, and Church on the Rock, Elevation Church, Calvary Chapel Melbourne, Discover Life Church, Victory Church, Jornada Church, Bay West Church, Victory in Christ Church, and several other business partners have recognized the importance of

providing a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas. There is no cost to attend the Family Christmas Extravaganza as everything is absolutely FREE to the public. The sponsors of this annual event have committed to serving others during this Christmas season and that's what makes the Family Christmas Extravaganza so special.

The Heritage High School and Bayside High School Marching Bands will be performing along with local band members. This year the Family Christmas Extravaganza will feature Beckah Shae, a popular American Christian-pop-worship singer-songwriter. "I am excited and honored to participate in such a worthwhile event, and I am grateful to be able to bring my talents to share with the community with a message of Hope," said Shae.

Senior Pastor Ken Delgado of The House at Palm Bay said: "With today's news being filled with division, contention and expressions of hatred, it is exciting to see the City of Palm Bay, along with the city's businesses and the citizens, create an event where love, joy and peace are expressed. The Family Christmas Extravaganza is the greatest expression that so many people yearn for, and is what the angels proclaimed at the birth of Jesus, saying 'Peace and good will towards all men'."

This year the City of Palm Bay issued a proclamation designating December 15, 2018 Family Christmas Extravaganza Day. Mayor William Capote said: "The Family Christmas Extravaganza is a wonderful annual tradition in the great City of Palm Bay. I am proud to be the Mayor of a City where groups like The House church spend so much time and energy selflessly giving back to our community. The House has captured the giving spirit of the holiday season with this event, providing a day of celebration and Christmas joy completely free of charge. I've seen the positive impact of the Extravaganza over the years and I am excited to see this event continue to grow!"

Reverend Rob Medina, Director of Ministries at The House at Palm Bay said: "The Family Christmas Extravaganza has exponentially grown throughout the years because of the collaboration of so many entities. The template we use of partnership with Government, Churches, and Businesses should be replicated throughout our nation and moreover the entire globe. It is an outstanding example of sharing the Christmas Spirit as we acknowledge the Greatest Gift freely given to mankind. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, so we proudly say Happy Birthday Jesus."

Many communities across our great nation have seized upon this opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit, through good deeds and charitable acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these great Americans and in congratulating all those who have worked so hard to make the Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza possible.

CLAIRE SATTLER

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Claire Sattler on her impressive victory at the 2018

Teen Jeopardy Tournament. Claire worked very studiously leading up to and throughout the tournament. I am honored that she admirably represented our Bonita Springs community in front of a national audience.

Claire was rewarded with \$100,000 which she will use to pay for her college tuition. She has applied to 14 colleges and with her work ethic and determination, I know she will succeed as she pursues higher education.

Further, she plans on donating a portion of her earnings to charities, such as Stem4Students and Immokalee's Guadalupe Center. It is fitting that she chose to give back to further education for others. Our Southwest Florida community is grateful for her contributions.

HONORING WADE AND GERTRUDE
WHITAKER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Wade and Gertrude Whitaker for their contribution to our state and their community.

Wade and Gertrude have made a positive and lasting impact in Connorsville and embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. I could always count on them, and I know our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service in Fayette County.

On a personal note, the Whitakers were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal confidants and wise advisers. I want to thank them for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on November 14, 2018, I missed roll call 418.

Had I voted on roll call 418, providing for consideration of H.R. 6784, the Manage our Wolves Act; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 19, 2018, through November 26, 2018, I would have voted "No."

IN APPRECIATION OF THE
SERVICE OF DOUG ANDERSON

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to Doug Anderson, and to commend his outstanding service as General Counsel and Parliamentarian to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Twenty-two years into his Capitol Hill career, Doug is a cherished Committee institution. Sharp-eyed observers will note that whenever I preside over a Committee markup or manage Floor debate, Doug is sitting right there next to me. His notes have assisted numerous victories, and avoided a few disasters. But that is just a tiny part of what he does.

Day in and day out, for years, Doug has provided wise counsel to me, to my predecessor ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, and to her predecessor, the late Henry Hyde. He has helped to draft and negotiate hundreds of successful bills and resolutions on key foreign policy issues—from North Korea, to State Department authorities, to the fight against modern slavery. You can see his commitment to human dignity not only in his legislative work, but also in the way he treats all of his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle. He is a man of uncommon judgment, even temperament, and genuine good humor.

Even more than his issues, Doug loves his family. I want to thank his wife Rebecca and their children—Sarah, Emily, Ian, and Chloe—for sharing him during the many hours that he has dedicated to the work of this House. They can be proud of his service, as I am proud of what we have accomplished together during these past six years.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MANUFACTURING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Manufacturing Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss emerging manufacturing issues that are impacting Indiana. Manufacturing accounts for nearly one-third of the total GDP in Indiana and manufacturers employ more than a half of a million Hoosiers across our state. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosiers in the 6th Congressional District in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Jody Fledderman, John Meredith, Chris King, Whitney Foughty, Dominic Grote, John Linville, Kevin Ahaus, Lawrence McCormack, Lisa Kobe, Mike Wickersham, Ryan Hou, Sue Smith, Timothy Rushenberg, Tom Ryder, and Blair Wheat.

I appreciate their service on the Advisory Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SGT. LEANDRO JASSO

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of Sgt.

Leandro Jasso, an Army Ranger who grew up in Leavenworth, WA and was assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Sgt. Jasso was killed in Afghanistan during his 3rd deployment protecting and defending our country. The men and women who serve in the military are the very backbone of our nation. The freedoms we as citizens enjoy would not be possible without the courageous sacrifices Sgt. Jasso and countless others have made. Sgt. Jasso's commander stated that he was "a humble professional who placed the mission first, lived the Ranger Creed and will be deeply missed." In other words, he had the heart of a servant. While it is with incredible sadness that I make this statement, it is also with immense gratitude for the life of service he lived, the people he touched, and the sacrifice he made. We will be forever grateful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on November 27, 2018 for Roll Call Vote 421 and Roll Call Vote 422. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 421 and Yea on 422.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on the 6th Congressional District Agriculture Advisory Committee.

The members of the Advisory Committee met with my team regularly to discuss emerging agriculture issues in Indiana. Agriculture has played a critical role in Indiana's economy throughout our state's history. Indiana is home to nearly 60,000 farms that produce a wide variety of crops and livestock. The Committee's valuable insight helped me better represent Hoosier farmers' priorities in Congress.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, including Angie Steinbarger, David Howell, Mark Bacon, Matt Chapman, Elaine Gillis, Jim Douglas, Gerald Guack, Leah Beyer, Brett Glick, Harold Cooper, Jeremy Russell, Eugene Whitehead, Kari Steele, Jonathan Sparks, Ed Yanos, Andrew Fix, Clark Jordan, Tom Chalfant, Tyler Silveus, Christian McCray, Bryan Fischer, Scott Logue, and Tobe Forshtay.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to making Indiana a better place to live for all Hoosiers. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

PROMOTION OF MAJOR MARISOL ALTAGRACIA CHALAS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major Marisol Altagracia Chalas on the occasion of her well-deserved promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. Marisol began her outstanding military career 28 years ago as an enlisted soldier and has broken barriers on behalf of women in this country ever since. Most notably, in 2001 she had the distinction of becoming the first Latina National Guard Black Hawk pilot in the United States. Throughout her career, she has held the position of Battle Captain and Platoon Leader during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Aviation Liaison under the Combined Joint Task Force in the Dominican Republic, Lean Six Sigma Advisor, and Force Management and Exchange Officer with the Canadian military. Marisol also has outstanding corporate experience, having worked in management positions at General Electric and Booz Allen Hamilton.

Marisol's commitment to public service is not limited to serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It extends to helping her community as well. Marisol started a leadership lunch and learn program for children at Fort Bragg, took part in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program, and currently serves on the board of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. She also received the USCIS Outstanding American by Choice award in 2017, which highlights and celebrates the experiences and work ethic that immigrants contribute to the United States.

As an Army Congressional Fellow in my office, Marisol brought a unique perspective to my staff. Her long and distinguished career in the military added invaluable insight while we considered the Fiscal Year 2018 Defense Appropriations legislation. The policy and funding measures she worked on helped to improve the lives of U.S. service members around the world. Additionally, Marisol oversaw the State and Foreign Operations and Homeland Security appropriations portfolios during her year in the office. Whether it was meeting with constituents, staffing day long Appropriations Committee markups, or debating important issues with staff, Marisol always conducted herself with the utmost professionalism and respect.

Marisol's service and dedication to our nation truly upholds the U.S. Army's core values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. Thank you, Marisol, for your service to our nation and for your service to the people of the Fourth District of Minnesota. We wish you nothing but success in the next chapter of your life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on roll calls 421 and 422, I am not recorded. Had I

been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 421; and Yea on Roll Call No. 422.

HONORING THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the individuals who served on our 6th Congressional District Military Service Academy Nomination Board.

As a Member of Congress, I have the honor of nominating young Hoosiers from Indiana's 6th Congressional District to the United States Military Service Academies. Each Member of Congress may nominate up to ten candidates for each available vacancy to the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy.

Each year, the members of the 6th Congressional District Military Service Academy Nomination Board work with my staff and I to evaluate the applications of young men and women from our District who are seeking admittance to a military academy. During my time in Congress, we have nominated more than 90 young men and women to these academies. Many of them have since graduated and are currently serving our country.

I want to thank all of the members of the Nomination Board, including, Nate LaMar, Jan Frazier, Robert Morrow, David Martin, and Kelly Poltrack for their service. The Board's insight and experience has always been helpful to me and my staff.

I appreciate their service on the Committee and their dedication to our country. I wish all of them continued success in whatever God has in store for them and their families.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF MAJOR SINDI ANNE CONNELL

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Major Sindi Anne Connell of the United States Army for her extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation. Major Connell will soon transition from her current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to attend Army Intermediate Level Education and return to duty as an Army Military Intelligence Officer.

With an impressive and proven record of leadership, including a combat tour in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division and company command in the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade in the Republic of Korea, Sindi was chosen to serve as a Defense Fellow in a Congressional Office in 2016.

Major Connell's outstanding work there led her to be selected as a Congressional Liaison in the United States Army House Liaison Division. Her first-hand knowledge of the military,

its culture, and traditions was a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. Sindi was especially effective in her service to Members and staff as she escorted them on fact-finding and oversight delegations within the United States and around the world. I traveled with Sindi on multiple occasions. Her expert planning, attention to detail, and love of travel enabled exceptional visits for my fellow Members of Congress and myself. I found her to be a thoughtful, intelligent, and professional soldier in the best traditions of America's Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Sindi during her time as an Army Congressional Liaison Officer in the House of Representatives. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Major Sindi Anne Connell, and her husband, Joshua Hengst. I wish them the very best.

HONORING COMMUNITY
RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Resources for Children (CRC) for providing excellent early learning and care resources for families and children across Napa County, California for forty years.

Founded in 1978, Community Resources for Children strives to advocate and educate the public on the importance of early education and child care. It has provided nearly 45,000 referrals for child care and over \$44 million dollars to local child care providers that care for children of low income and student or working parents. For the past forty years, CRC has offered families quality early education materials for free and created early learning activities for families, child care providers, caregivers, educators and other community members.

Community Resources for Children provides professional development and one on one coaching to more than 140 local child care providers that service more than 1,700 children per year. Its programs work to increase the quality and amount of available child care in Napa County and have strengthened the local economy while putting families on the pathway to success.

Community Resources for Children also aims to empower parents by ensuring they have the necessary resources to make child care and early education decisions. Through all of its programs and assistance CRC hopes to help parents succeed as their child's first teacher.

Mr. Speaker, Community Resources for Children is an admirable organization dedicated to the care and education of future generations in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Community Resources for Children here today.

HONORING TRES YORK

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Tres York, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Tres worked in my Shelbyville office for over a year, serving as a staff assistant and driver. Tres is a hard worker and was a huge asset to our organization. Since leaving our office, Tres has worked for the Indiana House of Representatives, MIBOR Realtor Association, and now is an Advisor for Foresters Financial.

On a personal note, Tres is my friend. We share a love for the life lessons of sports and a commitment to family. I want to thank Tres for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. I will be cheering Tres on every step of the way.

CONGRATULATING KESHAV GOEL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Keshav Goel, of Monte Sereno, California, on being selected as a George J. Mitchell Scholar.

One of our nation's most prestigious scholarships, the program was created 20 years ago by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance and named in honor of Senator George J. Mitchell's contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process. The program selects future American leaders for one year of graduate study in Ireland. Keshav Goel is one of 12 Mitchell Scholars selected this year out of 370 students who applied from more than 200 Congressional Districts across the U.S.

Keshav is a dual major in Biology and Economics at Williams College. Understanding that socioeconomic inequality is one of the greatest public health concerns in the U.S., he has conducted research on ailments that disproportionately affect the world's poor. Growing up in Monte Sereno, California, Keshav co-authored his first published clinical paper at the age of 16 on the automated detection of congenital heart defects in newborns. He is currently conducting a year-long senior biology thesis to uncover the causes of asthma which disproportionately impacts children in impoverished countries. He has also conducted health economics research with Harvard Medical School to assess the quality and effectiveness of federally funded clinical trials. Outside the classroom, Keshav serves as a peer mentor with an organization in Western Massachusetts that provides drama therapy to adolescent survivors of trauma. An aspiring physician, Keshav will study Immunology and Global Health at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Keshav embodies the spirit of leadership and academic excellence that led to the creation of the Mitchell Scholarship program. I congratulate him on his selection as a George J. Mitchell scholar and wish him every success during his year in Ireland.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOMENETMEN
GLENDALE "ARARAT" CHAPTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter upon its fortieth anniversary.

Established in 1918, the Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, commonly referred to as Homenetmen, has served hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide. In 1922, when Homenetmen chapters in Constantinople were forced to close, its leaders dispersed across the world. From there, a network of chapters began appearing globally, including in the United States.

Homenetmen Western USA presently comprises 19 chapters, with several within California's 28th Congressional District, which is home to a large and vibrant Armenian-American community. This extraordinary organization has preserved the Armenian spirit by introducing Armenian-American youth to the rich Armenian culture and heritage, and has provided them with physical, moral and social education.

Founded in 1978, the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter is the largest chapter in Homenetmen Western USA. It has served thousands of children, young adults and seniors over the years and has provided scouting, athletic, educational, cultural, and wellness activities to the communities it serves. The organization has been especially committed to improving the lives of our next generation by offering healthy programs for teens and young adults through supervised weekend and after school activities in a family-oriented environment. In addition, it has championed teaching the importance of volunteerism, teamwork and citizenship.

The time, effort, and care that the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter has given to the community is invaluable, and the Armenian-American residents of Southern California have benefited greatly from its dedicated work. The organization has played a significant role in shaping our children into responsible citizens and thriving members of society, who become shining examples of Homenetmen's motto—"Elevate Yourself and Others With You."

I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter for forty years of dedicated service.

HONORING STEPHEN GODDARD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Stephen Goddard, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Stephen worked on our team during the 115th Congress, serving as a legislative fellow in my Washington, D.C. office. In this role, Stephen was responsible for advising me on a variety of policy issues, managing our internship program, handling tour requests, and writing consistent mail. He also helped write the

Eastern Legacy Extension Act, which extends the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail eastward. The bill recently passed by the House of Representatives and awaits action in the Senate. Since leaving our office, he has gone on to work as an Account Manager at Bloomberg Government.

I want to thank Stephen for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING THE LIVES OF KCFD FIREFIGHTERS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE 1988 EXPLOSION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary memorial service honoring six Kansas City firefighters who tragically lost their lives serving the community.

On November 29, 1988, just before 4:00 in the morning, the Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) responded to a call at a construction site in the south end of the city. What started as a routine emergency response rapidly turned into tragedy and destruction. The fire escalated to a massive explosion, ultimately killing six firefighters. Fire Captain Gerald Halloran, Fire Captain James Kilventon, fireman Thomas Fry, fireman Luther Hurd, fireman Robert McKarnin, and fireman Michael Oldham gave their lives in service to the community. While their legacy of courage, heroism, and dedication to the public is forever preserved, what remains is the absence of six men who were loved by many.

As Mayor pro tempore at the time, I remember arriving to a scene of grief and heartache. I can still recall the overwhelming wave of sorrow and despair that overcame me as I looked down from the helicopter at the devastation. It is a morning that I will never forget.

For a century and a half, the Kansas City Fire Department has served the people of Kansas City, guided by the mission "to protect and serve the community with commitment and dedication to excellence." The profound legacies that Gerald Halloran, James Kilventon, Thomas Fry, Luther Hurd, Robert McKarnin, and Michael Oldham leave behind embody the department's mission to serve the community today. This tragic event changed the firefighting profession, prompting new advancements in safety protocols that protect first responders today.

Thirty years later, on the anniversary of the 1988 explosion, the community will come together to reflect and honor these six men who gave their lives doing what they loved, what they wholeheartedly believed was their mission in life—to serve and protect the people of our city.

As I stand here today to honor these six men and reflect on the solemn event which took their lives, I also want to acknowledge the brave women and men in our community who fight fires. In 2015, a three-alarm fire in the heart of Kansas City's Northeast neighbor-

hood took the lives of two firemen, Larry Leggio and John Mesh. And like the 1988 explosion, the Kansas City community rallied and unified to seek justice for the firefighters that dedicated their lives to saving those in danger.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in remembering and honoring the lives of the six firefighters who selflessly dedicated themselves to public service. The legacy they leave behind is a perpetual reminder of the sacrifices of the Kansas City Fire Department and firefighters across the nation. Let us join together in recognizing these six men who nobly served their communities and their families.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF LEAH CAMPOS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Leah Campos, an Arizona native and Senior Advisor for the Western Hemisphere on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Throughout my time as Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, Leah has advised me on matters pertaining to Latin America and the Caribbean. This region is critical to our country's national interests, and our Committee would not have been able to engage successfully with this part of the world without Leah's advice and counsel.

Before coming to Capitol Hill, Leah served in the foreign field as an Operations Officer in the Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency. Her Congressional achievements aside, for this work alone, Leah has earned my gratitude and admiration. Leah's time serving in the field informs her understanding of what constitutes vital U.S. interests, and how best to leverage our country's strength in pursuit of those interests. Believing as she does in the value of diplomacy, Leah forged important relationships with the region's diplomatic community in Washington and abroad, keeping Committee members apprised of key issues. Her free-market instincts kept her focused on our ever-important relationship with Mexico, and the commercial benefits of that interconnection to Americans across the country—including in Leah's home state of Arizona.

Leah is the proud mother of four children—Christian, Isabela, Soledad and Xavier—a lifelong conservative, and strong believer in the principles of economic liberty and limited government. I am grateful for her work on the Committee, and wish her the very best in the future.

HONORING TYLER COSTAS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Tyler Costas, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Tyler worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as a member of our political operations team. He also interned in our Washington, D.C. office, where he was responsible for giving tours of the Capitol, and working with our legislative team. Tyler has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our team.

On a personal note, I admire Tyler's loyalty, intellect and work ethic. He has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt Tyler's future is very bright. I want to thank Tyler for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN HONOR OF ARMY SPECIALIST JOSE L. RUIZ

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you to present H.R. 5412, which would rename the United States Postal Service facility located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York as the "Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building."

Throughout the 2nd District of New York, there are countless examples of fine men and women who have honorably served and protected our country. Putting the needs of the country before their own, these men and women have gone overseas to defend our freedoms and protect those who could not protect themselves.

One of these constituents was Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz. In the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks, SPC Ruiz was inspired to leave his job as a computer network engineer and join the United States Army. During his service, SPC Ruiz was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Stryker Brigade Combat team based in Fort Lewis, Washington. With his unit, SPC Ruiz was deployed to Iraq. While conducting security operations in Mosul, his position was approached by enemy forces in a civilian vehicle who attacked the position with small arms fire. SPC Ruiz was tragically killed in the attack.

SPC Ruiz was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, and several other awards for his service and bravery.

With his untimely passing, SPC Ruiz left behind a loving family, including his brothers, Alexander and Eduardo, Jr., his sister Rosa, his loving wife Alexa, his young daughter Liana, and his parents, Eduardo and Juliana.

Renaming this USPS facility is a small way to honor the sacrifice of SPC Ruiz and his family. SPC Ruiz is a true American hero.

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, November 29, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 4

Time to be announced

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy hearing to examine the China challenge, focusing on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

SD-419

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., to be General and Commander, Central Command, and Lieutenant General Richard D. Clarke, to be General and Commander, Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael S. Klecheski, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mongolia, Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, and W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

SD-215

11 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 1010, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide additional responsibilities for the Register of Copyrights, and the nominations of Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, and Benjamin Hovland, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

4 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on fighting terror, focusing on comparing notes across the Atlantic.

CHOB-340

DECEMBER 5

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration, focusing on leveraging cutting-edge science and protecting public health.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine pilot programs at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 2395, to amend title 54, United States Code, to authorize the provision of technical assistance under the Preserve America Program and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships with communities adjacent to units of the National Park System to leverage local cultural heritage tourism assets, S. 2895 and H.R. 5613, bills to designate the Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark, S. 3291, to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 3439 and H.R. 5532, bills to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, S. 3468, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3505, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 3527 and H.R. 5585, bills to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3533, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3545, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program, S. 3571 and H.R. 5420, bills to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, S. 3646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept certain properties in the State of Missouri, S. 3609 and H.R. 801, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, S. 3659, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City", H.R. 1220, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, H.R. 3961, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the In-

terior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 5706, to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai'i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai'i, H.R. 6077, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, H.R. 6599, to modify the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and H.R. 6687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To hold hearings to examine Zimbabwe after the elections.

S-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine China's non-traditional espionage against the United States, focusing on the threat and potential policy responses.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine the future of nuclear power, focusing on advanced reactors.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps readiness.

SD-G50

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine a comparative look at competition law approaches to monopoly and abuse of dominance in the United States and European Union.

SD-226

DECEMBER 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine proxy process and rules, focusing on current practices and potential changes.

SD-538

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538