

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF SENIOR  
BISHOP MCKINLEY YOUNG

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Senior Bishop McKinley Young, a champion of social justice and civil rights, for his dedication to empowering individuals through equality and opportunity both in the church and his community. As the son of a Pastor, Bishop McKinley Young was raised in the church and went on to start his own distinguished career serving the people of Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta from 1980 until 1992. He would further his career in South Africa, where he went on to lead the Centennial Celebration of African Methodism and remained a leader in the Ecumenical Community. To cite his most recent achievements, he was assigned to the Third Episcopal District and was elevated to the office of Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop McKinley Young's notable career and generous spirit warrant many accolades as countless individuals have benefited from his hard work.

The son of a Parsonage, one could say Bishop Young was destined to a life of faith. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia and was a product of the Atlanta public school system. As an academic standout with a passion for theology, Bishop Young could not pass up the opportunity to further his studies. For that reason, he pursued and received degrees from Morris Brown College, Andover Newton Theological School, and the University of Chicago Divinity School. Moreover, he also holds honorary doctorates from six institutions of higher education.

Bishop Young's faith has been the central focus of his life and has guided him to hold various positions. For over 20 years, he served as Chair of the Board with the AME Church and Service and Development Agency and went on to serve as president of the Council of Bishops and the General Board. Bishop Young also chaired several commissions, including the Commission of Global Witness and Ministry and the Commission on Annuity Investments and Insurance. His many accomplishments speak volumes about Young's commendable character and commitment to his community.

Though faith remained in his heart and guided him in every aspect of his life, Bishop Young was aware that civil rights and education were the key to building a strong community and finding a political voice. As an advocate for social justice and civil rights, he assisted in the elections of the first Black Presidents of the United States of America and South Africa by working on voter registration efforts. Furthermore, he went on to attend the inauguration of former Presidents Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela.

It is my personal belief that Senior Bishop McKinley Young's unrelenting dedication and

steadfast vision has left a permanent imprint on those who shared the path he walked. In life, Bishop Young embodied a selfless dedication to his family, friends, and community. Though it grieves me to announce his passing on Wednesday, January 17, 2019, I speak on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District when I thank him for his efforts to our country. He leaves behind his wife, Dorothy Jackson Young; 4 children, Karyn (Ron) Young-Lowe, Deana (Julius) McAllister, Andrea (Roderick) Jones, and Stephanie Lynn Young; and eight grandchildren, Jennifer Renee and Jessica Christina Lowe, Julius III, Colin and Dylan McAllister, and Peyton, Noah, and Miles Jones.

It is a privilege to recognize the work of Senior Bishop McKinley Young for his commitment to the church and to social justice in the African American community. Please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the life of McKinley Young for his commitment to the community. It is with great respect that I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to Bishop McKinley Young.

HONORING ESTHER SALVATORE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I today honor the life of one of my constituents, the beloved Esther Salvatore. A lifelong resident of Eastchester, Esther passed away peacefully with family members by her side on January 19, 2019. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Esther's life was devoted to her faith, to raising her children, to loving her many nieces, nephew and cousins, adoring her 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, to playing the violin and cherishing her Italian heritage.

The daughter of Antonetta and Crescenzo DiPippo, who came to the United States from Italy, Esther was born on August 13, 1926 in Bronxville and lived in Eastchester her entire life. She grew up with her siblings, Christopher and Gloria, and her many close cousins. Esther attended Waverly Elementary School and graduated from Eastchester High School in 1944. After completing school, she attended New York University to study music.

On September 19, 1948, Esther married Daniel Salvatore of Tuckahoe. She shared 32 years of marriage with her loving husband, and together they raised 3 daughters in Eastchester. A devout Catholic, Esther attended mass regularly at Assumption of Our Lady in Tuckahoe, a place of worship that her father and grandfather helped to build. She was an active parishioner and was a proud member of the Rosary Altar Society, Sodality, the Eastchester/Tuckahoe Senior Center and the Yonkers Philharmonic as a violinist.

Madam Speaker, Esther Salvatore lived a beautiful, rich, and fulfilling life. She enjoyed her family immensely and instilled her faith, a love of music, a strong work ethic and the bond of family across many generations. The example she set will live on through them and the love they shared.

I offer my sincerest condolences to Esther's family and to the entire Eastchester community.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO  
AREA BUSINESS LEADERS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding business leaders in California's Capital Region being honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 124th annual dinner and business awards ceremony. Those being honored are dedicated to the success of the region and have worked tirelessly to advance its economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans, and in thanking the Sacramento Metro Chamber for its tireless efforts to promote business in northern California.

Patrick & Bobbin Mulvaney, Owners of Mulvaney's B&L, are Sacramentans of the Year. Patrick and Bobbin have created one of Sacramento's most celebrated restaurants and worked to help further the conversation around mental health in the restaurant industry. Patrick and Bobbin have been a leading force behind making Sacramento the "Farm-to-Fork" capital of the country.

Dave Roughton, SAFE Credit Union, is Businessman of the Year. Dave is active in industry and community affairs through his volunteer work with several organizations and volunteers his time with credit union industry organizations. Dave has been the Chief Executive Officer and President of SAFE Credit Union since April 2016 and January 2013 respectively and served as its Chief Operating Officer until March 2016.

Donna Lucas, Chief Executive Officer and President of Donna Lucas Public Affairs, is Businesswoman of the Year. Since opening Lucas Public Affairs in 2006, Donna has grown the firm into a team of accomplished public affairs professionals who work to explain the complexities around many of the major public policy challenges facing the state. Donna is routinely named one of Sacramento's 100 most powerful people and is often listed as one of the state Capitol's most influential people.

Fairytale Town is being inducted into the Business Hall of Fame. For 60 years, Fairytale Town has offered children and families a safe place to imagine, play and learn. With year-round special events, theater performances and educational programming, Fairytale Town

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offers a place for children to be creative and to exercise their minds and bodies.

Silt Wine Company and Muddy Boot Wine is Small Business of the Year Award. Muddy Boot Wine and Silt Wine Company boasts a long list of gold medals in various tasting competitions and is made less than thirty minutes from Midtown. Located along the Delta in Clarksburg, their wine is local, sustainable, affordable, and the owners constantly work to make our region an even better place.

Megan Blackwell, Marketing Manager for Otto Construction, is this year's Young Professional of the Year. Born, raised, and educated in Oregon, Ms. Blackwell has made Sacramento her home. She is also involved with Metro EDGE and is one of the Metro Chamber's 40 Under 40.

Julie Brown, Director of Resource Development at California Clothing Recyclers, is Ambassador of the Year. Julie's commitment to the region and furthering the mission of the Sacramento Metro Chamber do not go unnoticed. Julie is a valued partner and leader of the Ambassador Program and works to encourage members to become engaged and excited about the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending them for their unwavering commitment to Sacramento.

HONORING DAVID STANLEY M.D.

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Stanley as Napa Valley Medical Society's Professor Emeritus of the year. Dr. Stanley has provided outstanding medical care to our communities throughout Napa and Solano Counties and has been a mentor to many people in the medical community.

Dr. Stanley earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at the University of Redlands and then attended Stanford University Medical School. While at Stanford he co-authored several scientific publications. He interned and completed his residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. While at Baylor he was the chief resident in medicine at Ben Taub General Hospital. Dr. Stanley also completed a fellowship in endocrinology at Baylor College of Medicine's Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

Dr. Stanley started practicing medicine in Napa County in 1977. He has held many positions at Queen of the Valley Medical Center, including chief of the hospital medical staff and chairman of the Department of Medicine. In 1989, he served as president of the Napa County Medical Society. Dr. Stanley joined the Permanente Medical Group in 1993. He has worked in hospital medicine, adult primary care and endocrinology at Kaiser Vallejo Medical Center and at the Napa medical offices. For more than five years, Dr. Stanley has been the chief of adult and family medicine at the Napa Kaiser offices. Dr. Stanley has dedicated his career to providing the highest qual-

ity of medical care to our community. In addition, he has been a lecturer and educator to other medical professionals in our area.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Stanley is a model community member who has dedicated his career to helping others. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dr. David Stanley here today.

HONORING JOSEPH RUSS IV

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Russ IV, who passed away on January 12, 2019. His advocacy for ranching and timber communities was vital to rural areas in Humboldt County and throughout California.

Joe was born to Joseph and Annette Russ III in 1936 and attended the one-room Cape-town Elementary School on the windswept Lost Coast in the northern part of my congressional district. He graduated from Ferndale High School in 1953 at the age of 16 and the next year was elected president of the California Future Farmers of America. He attended the University of California at Davis, then graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in business administration. Joe later enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Joe married Karen Lane in 1963. They were married for 55 years and had three children and eight grandchildren.

Joe's civic engagement spanned decades and resulted in many public benefits. He served 20 years on the Humboldt County Planning Commission, and he was president of the Humboldt Del-Norte Cattleman's Association, the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and the Humboldt Woolgrowers Association. Joe also became president of the California State Board of Forestry, the state Chamber of Commerce, and the California State Fair Association. He was a founding member of the Stockmen's Bank of Commerce, the Buckeye Conservancy and the California Rangeland Trust. Notably, he was key to the development of the Williamson Act, which governs property tax rates on agricultural lands in California.

Throughout his career, Joe knew the value of understanding politics and regulation as it related to the ranching and timber industries. His deep involvement in state and local associations and boards helped leave a permanent mark on rural agricultural policy in California. Joe was known to many as a vast resource for all things related to agriculture and had a deep sense of the region's history. He was a guiding example for ranchers trying to balance the hard work of ranching with the need for advocacy at the state and local levels.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Russ IV's contributions to agriculture and the communities of the Second Congressional District and the state of California, and his service to the country, are commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in my deep appreciation of him.

JOHN COLE RETIRES FROM THE TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of outgoing Twentynine Palms City Council Member John Cole, who departed the dais on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

John was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1945. He attended Loyola University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, and later attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff where he earned a Master of Arts in Education. John spent 41 years serving the Morongo Unified School District as a teacher and administrator. He was first elected to the Twentynine Palms City Council in 2008 and served the city for eight years, from 2008 to 2012 and from 2014 to 2018. In addition to his position as council member, John served as the City of Twentynine Palms' representative to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, the San Bernardino County Flood Control Advisory Committee, and as a Delegate for the League of California Cities' Environmental Committee. During his time on the council, John was an excellent advocate for the City of Twentynine Palms and its citizens.

I thank Council Member John Cole for his leadership and dedication to public service on behalf of Twentynine Palms residents. John's hard-work, experience, and wealth of knowledge will certainly be missed.

RECOGNIZING HOOSIER VETERAN JOE STEENBEKE AND HIS CANINE PARTNER TESS

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery, service, and friendship of Hoosier veteran Joseph Steenbeke and his beloved canine partner Tess.

Joe and Tess served side-by-side to defend our freedom, and they are true American heroes. Joe served in the U.S. Army, working as a Tactical Explosive Detection Dog, or TEDD, handler. From May 2012 to February 2013, he was deployed to Afghanistan with Tess, a Belgian Malinois trained to detect IEDs, at his side.

Joe served his country with courage and strength. But as Joe's wife Stephanie put it: "He risked his life fighting beside an even stronger force, Tess." She was Joe's partner, his protector, and his best friend. When their service together ended, Joe returned home to Indiana, and Tess moved on to her next mission for the Connecticut National Guard. But their bond remained strong.

Over the next five years, Joe never stopped thinking about Tess and never gave up on the idea of adopting her. Like so many of our brave veterans do when they return from war, Joe struggled with PTSD. But his love for Tess and his determination to bring her home

gave him strength and hope. And that's when Stephanie wrote me a letter asking to help them complete this mission.

It was a great honor to work with Joe and Stephanie, the U.S. military, and the Connecticut National Guard to ensure once Tess was retired she could be adopted by her former handler. And I was thrilled to be able to call Joe a few weeks ago with the good news: Tess would soon be his again. Now she is with the Steenbeks in her forever home in Culver, Indiana, taking on her latest mission as Joe's partner, protector, and best friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the courage and sacrifice of Joe Steenbeker and the loyal companionship of his beloved dog Tess. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I am grateful for their service to our country and the powerful example they set. This is more than a story of man's best friend. This is the story of an unbreakable bond between two American heroes.

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IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE  
MICHAEL S. MCMANUS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Judge Michael S. McManus and his retirement from the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California. As his colleagues and local community leaders gather to honor his remarkable career, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Judge McManus' service to the federal judiciary.

Judge McManus graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975 with Bachelor of Art Degrees in Criminology and Psychology. In 1978, Judge McManus received his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced bankruptcy law at Diepenbrock, Wulff, Plant & Hannegan. In the late 80's, he also served in many capacities on the Debtor/Creditor Relations and Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California.

Judge McManus has dedicated his career to public service. Appointed on January 11, 1994, Judge McManus initially started his first and second terms on the bankruptcy bench in the Modesto Division of the Eastern District of California and subsequently transferred to the Sacramento Division. He served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2000 to 2008, as District of Nevada Judge through 2010, as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges, as an observer on the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, and as an ex officio member of the Court-Council on Bankruptcy Judge Appointments. In addition to these great accomplishments, he is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Madam Speaker, as Judge McManus, his friends, and colleagues celebrate his retirement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing him for his many years of service. Judge McManus has contributed immensely to the bankruptcy bench and our community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Michigan Farm Bureau upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted services and invaluable community investment, MFB has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Founded in February 1919, the Michigan Farm Bureau was formed when representatives of 57 county-level Farm Bureaus gathered on the campus of the Michigan Agricultural College—now Michigan State University. Over the next century, MFB would weave together a fabric and community of farmers from across the state. Today, the organization includes more than 40,000 farmer members that produce hundreds of different agricultural commodities and represent every facet of Michigan's incredibly diverse agricultural industry.

In the last 100 years, the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliates have provided its members with a vast array of goods and services, from farm equipment and supplies to commodity marketing, price negotiation and insurance. Today, MFB serves as the voice of Michigan's farmers at the state and national level, speaking on their behalf in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Its Young Farmers initiative helps develop the skills and leadership needed to ready the next generation to take the reins, and Farm Bureau volunteers help take the farm into classrooms statewide—keeping Michiganders informed about where their food comes from. Every year, MFB members donate tens of thousands of dollars' worth of food products and assistance to the needy, working directly with established food banks and other charities throughout the state. Day after day, the Michigan Farm Bureau sets a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a state work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Michigan Farm Bureau for 100 years of success, service, and community investment. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing our state is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish MFB all the best in its future endeavors.

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HONORING PAUL RIPLEY

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the amazing life of Paul Ripley. On February 8, 2019, Mr. Ripley will receive the highest French order of merit for military and civil excellence, the French Legion of Honour. The Legion of Honour was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte as an order of merit for those who serve France and its people with honor.

At the age of 95, Paul Ripley has lived a distinguished life. He was born in Smithton, Missouri, on February 28, 1923, and attended Smithton High School before going to work for

a pipe company in Sedalia, Missouri. Paul answered the call to serve his nation during World War II. Upon entering the Army on April 6, 1943, he underwent basic training at Camp Blanding and was later deployed to France with the Ninth United States Army.

Stationed at Army Headquarters near Rennes, Mr. Ripley was assigned to the Graves Registration Division, assisting with the identification and burial of his fallen brethren. He served honorably, ensuring that American servicemen were buried with dignity and respect. Technician 5th grade Paul Ripley was honorably discharged on November 14, 1945.

After returning home Mr. Ripley attended the University of Tulsa under the G.I. Bill and then entered the nursery products industry, becoming the first entrepreneur to sell products directly to large department stores such as Ames, Target and Sears. This innovation led to the creation of the modern gardening department at many national retailers. He moved his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, so that he could expand his business and better connect with his clients. Throughout his career, Mr. Ripley received many awards and accolades for his ingenuity and ethics.

I would like to congratulate Paul Ripley and his family on this distinguished honor.

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MARY J. TROST CELEBRATES  
100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mary Josephine Trost from Yucaipa, California. Mary was born as Mary Josephine DeHetre on January 30, 1919 in Currie, Minnesota.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Mary saw her formal education end before the start of high school. Family medical issues and a failing national economy forced her into the workforce, where she held a variety of jobs. In 1938, Mary married Joseph Trost, and moved with him to his family's farm in Seaford, Minnesota. They later moved to another farm in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota in 1944, where Joe began working as a mechanic in addition to his farming business. In 1951, Mary and Joe moved across the country to Colton, California, where Joe worked at nearby Norton Air Force Base. Following a three year trip to Guam for work, the family finally settled in Yucaipa, California in 1963. Over the next 56 years, Mary has become a staple in the local community. She has been active in St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughter's Court Holy Spirit, where she serves as Grand Regent and recently received her 50 year pin. Mary has also seen the birth of 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary has lived an incredibly rich life that has spanned an entire century. I wish her a happy birthday as well as continued joy and happiness as she continues to be active in her church, family, and community.

CONGRATULATING ROD SMITH ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rod Smith, longtime Sports Director at KRCG-TV Jefferson City, for his recent induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Growing up in Naperville, Illinois, Rod shared his father's love of sports, playing baseball, basketball, golf, tennis and even hockey as a child. In 1985, Rod graduated from Oral Roberts University and started his career at KRCG. Jefferson City was not on his radar when Rod graduated, but after attending college in Tulsa and his parents still living in Chicago it was a good central location. His career at KRCG started out with reporting the weather and sports on the weekend. He didn't expect to stay at KRCG forever, but when he met Lana at Capital City Christian Church everything changed. The two fell in love and built a life in Jefferson City.

Throughout his three decades of passionately delivering sports news to Jefferson City residents Rod has become an icon and celebrity in the local community. He has watched generations of student athletes excel in their respective sport and has cheered them on with pride. During this longstanding career he has also had the privilege to cover two Super Bowls: Rams and Tennessee Titans and Rams and New England Patriots; World Series games: St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals; NCAA tournaments; Missouri bowl games; and SEC football games. Perhaps his best claim to fame in the Midwest is "Rod's Big ol' Fish!" segment that is dedicated to showcasing the many catches from anglers across the region.

Along with sports broadcasting Rod is known throughout the community for his many emcee appearances which include fundraisers like the Mid-Missouri Heart Association Heart Ball, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, United Cerebral Palsy's "Wing Ding" and "Deal or No Deal", and the YMCA and Samaritan Center auctions. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many other events also appreciate his energetic and positive energy. In 2018 alone, Rod emceed no less than 35 of the area's fund-raising events. As an accomplished golfer, Rod has been able to participate in 15 charity tournaments each year on behalf of KRCG and Naught-Naught Insurance Agency.

The biggest supporters throughout Rod's longstanding career are his wife of 31 years, Lana, and daughters, Brittany, Brooke, and Paige. While his love of sports is evident, Rod's family has unquestionably been his number one priority and, even with his hectic broadcasting schedule, he was able to coach all three girls in softball and basketball. I have no doubt they are as proud of their father today as he has been of them throughout their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Rod Smith on his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019. This milestone is well deserved.

HONORING SESSIA WYCHE AT CONGRESSMAN VELA'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sessia Wyche, a dedicated educator in the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Wyche earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Texas A&I University in Kingsville. He helped his peers as a mathematics tutor and a graduate teaching assistant. As a Second Line Manager and Programmer at Southwestern Bell in Texas, he wrote computer programs and helped the company with its inventories.

An avid tutor, Mr. Wyche returned to academics as a leader for students interested in mathematics and the sciences. He served as Assistant Chairman of the Mathematics and Physics Department at Texas State Technical College (TSTC), and as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) and Texas Southmost College (TSC).

As Director of Computer Directed Instruction in Math at UTB and TSC, he received the "Teacher of the Year" award, "Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching" Award, and "The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development" award. Currently, Mr. Wyche is teaching the future mathematicians of the Valley at TSTC. In his spare time, he volunteers as a chaplain in hospitals across the Valley.

I am pleased to recognize Mr. Wyche for his contributions to Texas' 34th Congressional district. He is a role model for our children, and we are thankful for his compassion to serve those in need. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him, his family and friends on this special day.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS' 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEART CARE FORUM

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program as they celebrate their 14th Annual Women's Heart Care Forum. As community organizations and supporters of this program gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their commitment to the promotion of women's heart health in the Sacramento region and its surrounding areas.

For 25 years, the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program has received national recognition as the first women's heart program in the country. Under the leadership of Program Director Amparo Villablanca, doctors and nurses at the Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program have continued to provide comprehensive treatment, education, outreach and research, benefitting women throughout our region. The program's exceptional commitment to women's heart health

has empowered women by providing knowledge of how to decrease their risk factors for heart disease and pursue healthier lifestyles.

Madam Speaker, as community organizations, staff and supporters gather at the forum to raise awareness about heart disease, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program for their years of service dedicated to advancing women's heart health.

THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I oppose U.S. military intervention in Venezuela. I am a cosponsor of legislation that would make that crystal clear to this Administration. At the same time, I strongly and unequivocally condemn reported acts of violence that have been carried out by security forces against Venezuelans peacefully exercising their fundamental civil rights, including to protest.

We must find other ways to continue to express our nation's legitimate concerns, as well as that of the rest of the international community, about the attacks on human rights and democracy underway in that nation. I am aware of the demonstrations that Venezuelans, opposed to Nicolas Maduro and his cronies, have held amid a deep and ongoing political and economic crisis.

While continuing to condemn violence against protestors and attacks on basic democratic rights and institutions, the U.S. must also press for multilateral diplomatic actions to help create the conditions for a peaceful return to democratic order in Venezuela. Additionally, any sanctions (either bilaterally or multilaterally) imposed against Venezuela must be targeted at government officials and coordinated to avoid worsening the country's dire humanitarian emergency. And let's be clear, sanctions are not an end to themselves and do not substitute for smart and disciplined diplomacy.

The U.S. should support international efforts to achieve a negotiated resolution. Rather than trying to repeat all the mistakes of our failed foreign policy of the past in this region, I urge this Administration to engage with other partners in order to best facilitate a return to democracy.

Lastly, I share concerns about the individual, Elliott Abrams, appointed by this Administration to serve as a "special envoy" to Venezuela. His history, particularly with regards to his views on U.S. policy in this region, disqualify him to serve as an impartial implementer of a strong diplomatic effort to reach a peaceful resolution. Among other concerns, this individual was twice convicted of lying to Congress and has long held troubling views on how the U.S. should engage with governments in the region with which it disagrees.

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, February 5, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

### FEBRUARY 6

Time to be announced

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine financial security in retirement, focusing on innovations and best practices to promote savings.

SD-562

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine winning the race to 5G and the next era of technology innovation in the United States.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold closed hearings to examine United States Army readiness.

SVC-217

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To receive a closed briefing on global nuclear developments.

SVC-217

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 256, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 257, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, S. 294, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in

Indian reservation communities, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

SD-628

### FEBRUARY 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status and outlook of energy innovation in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, and the nominations of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, and Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, and Eric D. Miller, of Washington, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, and Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Rossie David Alston, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Roy Kalman Altman, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, and Rodney Smith, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Thomas P. Barber, and Wendy Williams Berger, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, J. Campbell Barker, and Michael J. Truncale, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Pamela A. Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Jean-Paul Boulee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Holly A. Brady, and Damon Ray Leichty, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Andrew Lynn Brasher, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Brian C. Buescher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, James David Cain, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Stephen R. Clark, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Daniel Desmond Domenico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Karin J. Immergut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Corey Landon Maze, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, David Steven Morales, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Sarah Daggett Morrison, to be United States

District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Howard C. Nielson, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, T. Kent Wetherell II, and Allen Cothrel Winsor, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Joshua Wolson, and John Milton Younge, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Patrick R. Wyrick, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, M. Miller Baker, of Louisiana, and Timothy M. Reif, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, and Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SH-216

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

S-116

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

### FEBRUARY 13

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold a joint hearing to examine the current condition of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative.

SD-G50

## POSTPONEMENTS

### FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats.

SH-216

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, all of the Department of Labor, Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, and other pending nominations.

SD-430