

out of middle school to support his family before answering the call to service in Vietnam. He recovered from a land mine injury to become a Green Beret, and when a call for help came in, he voluntarily boarded a rescue helicopter and put his own life on the line to save his fellow soldiers.

Sergeant Benavidez was shot in the head and the leg but continued working to load the wounded onto the helicopter. As the helicopter took off, the pilot was killed, and the helicopter crashed. Sergeant Benavidez heroically carried his wounded comrades off the helicopter and spent what he described as "six hours in hell" returning fire, calling in airstrikes, caring for the wounded, and even recovering classified documents. He was shot multiple times, bayoneted, clubbed, and hit by fragments from a grenade, before finally dragging the soldiers he came to rescue onto a second evacuation helicopter. He saved the lives of at least eight men.

In 1981, Sergeant Benavidez received the Medal of Honor from President Reagan, who noted that "if the story of his heroism were a movie script, you would not believe it." His Medal of Honor citation declared that his "fearless personal leadership, tenacious devotion to duty, and extremely valorous actions in the face of overwhelming odds were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

But his challenges were not over. Two years later, he received notice that his disability benefits were to be cut off, despite shrapnel in his heart and constant pain. So he went before Congress on behalf of his fellow veterans, asking "if they can do this to me, what will they do to all the others?" Thanks to the efforts of Sergeant Benavidez, the President became personally involved in the situation, and the Department of Health and Human Services announced reforms to the review process. He devoted the rest of his life to service, speaking to students about the importance of education and inspiring American troops around the world.

Sergeant Benavidez was a model of bravery and selfless sacrifice, and it is right and fitting to recognize his heroism by dedicating the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway in his honor. May this highway serve not only as a memorial to a great man but as an inspiration to his fellow Texans to live with the same spirit of courage and service.

JOSEPH MOLINARO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joseph Molinaro for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Joseph Molinaro is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joseph Molinaro is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joseph Molinaro for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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, March 28, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 2

- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen J. Townsend, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Africa Command.
SD-G50
- Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's, focusing on new directions in biomedical research and caregiving.
SD-106
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the application of environmental, social, and governance principles in investing and the role of asset managers, proxy advisors, and other intermediaries.
SD-538
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Energy.
SD-366
- Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
SD-406
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing HEA, focusing on addressing campus sexual assault and ensuring student safety and rights.
SD-430

- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine arbitration in America.
SD-226
- 2 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Commerce.
SD-G50
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ron A. Bloom, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James A. Crowell IV, and Jason Park, both of the District of Columbia, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.
SD-342
- 3 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the future years defense program.
SR-232A

APRIL 3

- 9 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Environmental Protection Agency.
SD-124
- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Defense Health Program.
SD-192
- Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-G50
- 2:15 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
To hold hearings to examine women inventors and the future of American innovation.
SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.
SD-138
- Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
SD-192