

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF ADMIRAL DENNIS MATTHEW BROOKS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Admiral Dennis Matthew Brooks.

Admiral Brooks was born on November 23, 1934 in Fairfield, Alabama. He married the love of his life Dolores (Lorrie) Gober following his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1957. They had three children, Mark, Amy and Allison and two grandchildren, James and Mary Katherine.

He served his country for 35 years until his retirement in 1992. His assignments included fighter pilot, test pilot and teacher at the Naval Academy. His command assignments included fighter squadrons VF-51 "Screaming Eagles" and VF-121 "Pacemakers", USS *Kansas City* and USS *Constellation*, Carrier Group Seven and Battle Force and Carrier Strike Forces of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. In 1988, he was assigned as the initial commander of the Combined Joint Task Force, Middle East, involving all U.S. Forces in the Persian Gulf. Ashore Admiral Brooks' major assignments included Director, Navy Space Command and Military Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

The USS *Constellation* (Connie) under the command of then Captain Brooks was visited by Ronald Reagan shortly after the President's recovery from wounds received in an assassination attempt. Following his inspection, the President declared "Connie" to be "America's Flagship", presented the crew a presidential flag and announced: "Let friend and foe alike know that America has the muscle to back up its words, and ships like this and men like you are that muscle." Later the Connie gained her motto, "Go Ahead Make My Day", which was painted on the ship's island.

Following his Navy career, the Admiral and Lorrie retired to Pell City where he continued his service as Rotary District Governor for District 6860. His philanthropic efforts included Pell City's Habitat for Humanity, the Board of the Eastern Health Foundation and the Pell City Library Guild. He was an Eagle Scout and continued throughout his life to be involved in Scouting. Posthumously, the Greater Alabama Scout Council presented the "Heart of an Eagle" Award to his family.

Admiral Dennis Matthew Brooks, United States Navy (Ret), of Pell City, Alabama, passed away November 12, 2018. Admiral Brooks lived an exemplary life and brought out the very best in those who were fortunate to serve with him in the Navy and those who were fortunate enough to know him in civilian life.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Admiral Brooks.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEFFREY SEAN SHOEMAKER, GAINESVILLE FOR HIS GRADUATION FROM FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Jeffrey Sean Shoemaker, of the Hall County Sheriff's Office who recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico.

Captain Shoemaker has demonstrated a commitment to being a part of the next generation of law enforcement leadership. His career in public service is a remarkable example of the devotion and reverence to our country and its success that many in law enforcement share.

The FBI National Academy provides law enforcement officers across the country with the most up to date tools and training necessary to fight crime on a multilateral front. Programs such as the FBI National Academy course will help with the prevention and prosecution of even the most heinous crimes.

My father was a State Trooper for the State of Georgia, and he was relentless in his duty to protect and serve. As such, I am particularly appreciative of Captain Shoemaker's duty to serving the Hall County Sheriff's Office and I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate all women and men who serve in law enforcement. Their adherence to justice safeguards our liberties.

Furthermore, I congratulate Captain Jeffrey Sean Shoemaker on his completion of the program and I hope that he continues to find a sense of meaning and purpose in service to his country and the people of Georgia.

HAYDEN WILLEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

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

Hayden Willey is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hayden Willey 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 Hayden Willey 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS NYE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Thomas Nye, a dedicated Marion firefighter, who led a life committed to proudly serving his town and his country.

Born and raised in Marion, Massachusetts, Mr. Nye was part of a family with a long tradition of firefighting. Before his time at the Marion Fire Department, Mr. Nye served in the Vietnam War as an automotive mechanic and regarded his military service with tremendous pride.

Following his time in the military he worked as a private auto mechanic, a skill that he carried with him throughout his life. Mr. Nye was appointed to service in the Marion Fire Department in June of 1974 where he worked tirelessly for forty-five years.

Described by his family as a "gentle soul," Mr. Nye was always there when someone needed a helping hand. His hard work and dedication to his community impacted hundreds of lives. Whether it was assistance with station maintenance, or filling in for some of the younger firefighters while they were working their private jobs, he would have done anything for anyone in need.

Mr. Nye left us too soon on February 27, 2019, at the age of 72, after responding to one final call. His commitment to his work and to the people around him will long be remembered by his colleagues, his friends, and our entire community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Thomas Nye. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his lifetime of service to others.

HONORING KAREN COLLINS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Karen Collins as the 2019 Honorary Alcaldessa for the City of Sonoma, California. Ms. Collins has been named Alcaldessa, the Spanish word for mayor, in recognition of her contributions to our community.

Ms. Collins is originally from Washington State. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Whitworth College, a Master of Arts in American Government from George Washington University and a junior college teaching credential from San Francisco State University. She is also a graduate of the Public Affairs Institute of Washington, D.C.

Ms. Collins is a tireless advocate for the preservation and protection of the environment and has worked diligently towards this goal. She is a current Commissioner of the Sonoma County Regional Parks and Recreation Commission, which she has also chaired three times. Ms. Collins serves as Vice President of the Board of Jack London Park Partners and chairs its government relations committee.

Ms. Collins was appointed to the California Recreational Trails Committee in 1998 and served as chair for two years of her four-year term. She has also served on Sonoma's Environmental Advisory Commission and was a past Bicycling and Hiking Trails Advisor where she represented Sonoma's interest on the County Transportation Commission. Additionally, Ms. Collins served on the boards of Yosemite National Institutes, the Headlands Institute and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. She is also a former chair of the California Recreational Trails Committee.

In addition to her environmental advocacy, Ms. Collins has also supported the arts and women's health care in our community. She helped establish a women's health program at Sonoma Valley Hospital and has served on the board of the Hospital's foundation. Ms. Collins has chaired Salute to the Arts and served on the Sonoma Community Center Board.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Collins is the committed volunteer and dedicated community member we should all strive to be. She has spent countless hours advocating for our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Karen Collins as Sonoma's 44th Honorary Alcaldessa.

REBUILDING TOGETHER MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES NAMED NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR BY THE LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rebuilding Together Mountain Communities on being named Non-Profit of the Year by the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce.

Rebuilding Together Mountain Communities is a community program organized and supported by the Association of Building Contractors. In conjunction with the national Rebuilding Together organization, it focuses on and brings awareness to housing issues faced by some of our most vulnerable populations including veterans, seniors, and disaster victims. Rebuilding Together Mountain Communities is also celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year, and over its history has worked on over 200 homes in the mountain areas. The work they have done has touched innumerable lives, and I congratulate them on the longevity and success of their program.

Rebuilding Together Mountain Communities, the Association of Building Contractors, and their community partners deserve this and many other accolades for their hard work. They are truly deserving of being named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce 2018 Non-Profit of the Year.

JONAH YUNES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

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

Jonah Yunes is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jonah Yunes 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 Jonah Yunes 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 Tuesday, April 2, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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 Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security

To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates and justifica-

tion for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-G50

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 23, supporting the goals and ideals of Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction, S. Res. 27, calling for a prompt multinational freedom of navigation operation in the Black Sea and urging the cancellation of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, S. Res. 35, supporting democratic principles and standards in Bolivia and throughout Latin America, S. Res. 67, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests, S. Res. 95, recognizing the 198th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, S. Res. 96, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People's Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. executive, an original resolution supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and recognizing its 70 years of accomplishments, and the nominations of John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Kenneth S. George, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Brett P. Giroir, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Mark Rosen, of Connecticut, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Jane L. Corwin, of