

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE PERMIAN BASIN HONOR FLIGHT

#### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 87 Veterans from West Texas who will be visiting Washington, D.C. this week, sponsored by the Permian Basin Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight are: Benjamin Acosta, Clinton Adams, Lawrence Adams, George Alexander, Wanliss Armstrong, Edward Atwood, James Basse, Robert Bennett, Thomas Bright, Sidney Bryan, Michael Chaney, Clarence Chapman, Mary Cheek, Richard Cotte, Troy Crosby, William Decker, Jr., David Dilbeck, Truett Eaton, Raymond Flores, Paul Flynn, Jr., Richard Gallo-way, Jackie Green, Larry Griffith, Gilberto Guzman, Stephen Harrison, John Hufford, Donald Hunt, Daniel Jacques, Enrique Jaramillo, Jr., Raymond Jenkins, Darrell Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Henry Kalawe, Jr., Stanley Klett, Arthur Laengrich, Larry Laengrich, Robert Lathrop, Horace Lloyd, Daryl Locker, Guadalupe Madrid, Alonzo Martinez, Haskell Mayo, Jr., Mickey McCown, Curtis McFarland, Jr., James McKinzie, Jr., Earl Moize, Thomas Molder III, Travis Monday, Eugene Morgan, Stanley Mulsow, Curtis Nicholson, Warren Oakley, Joe Padilla, Lupe Padilla, Solon Page, Armando Perales, Marion Pride, Johnnye Proctor, David Reeves, Lloyd Ritchey, Donald Rogers, Doyle Schwartz, Robert Schoff, Jr., Don Seales, Wesley Seales, Tommy Seward, Joan Shannon, Joseph Smith III, Robert Sorem, Perry Stevens, Marion Stone, Bobby Stringer, Alfonso Telck, Bobby Trammell, Edward Twood, Gumecindo Urias, Antonio Urias, Santiago Urias, Jr., Steve Wagner, Alvin Wankowski, Douglas Wankowski, Kenneth Warrington, Gary Watkins, Ben Webb, Danny Whitaker, Kenneth Winford, and Tony Yzaguirre.

Madam Speaker, I am humbled to have the opportunity to meet these brave men and women who exemplify the best of our country. Their sacrifice and commitment to duty to our nation can never be fully repaid, and I hope that they will be able to reflect on the gratitude and respect that Americans have for them as they visit our nation's monuments in Washington, D.C., the gratitude and respect we have for them will truly be reflected.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. John West and Mrs. Teresa Galloway for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all the financial and emotional support of the people who have

put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

### REMEMBERING LAURENCE M. BLOCH

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember an important mentor, advisor and my quasi-brother/father, Laurence M. Bloch, whom the world knew as "Larry."

Larry, a Memphis native and longtime real estate investor and contributor to humanitarian causes, passed away on February 23 in Santa Monica, California, at the age of 87. A font of sage advice, Larry was constantly there for me and for many others who loved him for the caring individual he was. After graduating from Christian Brothers High School in 1949, Larry went to the University of Michigan, serving as a cheerleader for the Wolverines and traveling by train with the team to the 1951 Rose Bowl in which Michigan beat the California Golden Bears 14 to 6.

Larry graduated with a degree in economics in 1953 then served two years in the U.S. Army before returning to Memphis and the real estate investment business. He remained an avid Michigan fan his whole life and used to tape every game. Known for his disheveled salt-and-pepper hair and socks-less and tie-less style, and for riding his bicycle like Albert Einstein, he also drove around town in a Lincoln Continental with coach doors. He celebrated healthy eating habits as a prophet of whole grains and fiber.

An investor with a keen eye for good deals in Memphis' downtown, he had the good sense to own the property kitty-corner from The Peabody on Union Avenue that was torn down to create AutoZone Park. A patron of the arts, he also supported the Memphis Crisis Center, Meals on Wheels and the Church Health Center among his charitable causes. As a cat lover, another of his charitable causes was The House of Mews, where he was for a while the top cat. A charming story teller, he provided useful advice and helped many people solve their problems.

I was fortunate to have had him as a good friend and will miss him greatly. I want to extend my condolences to his daughter Cheryl and to his grandsons Nick and Alex. Larry Bloch led an exemplary life.

### HONORING ROBERT H. TWISS, PH.D.

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 85th birthday of Dr.

Robert H. Twiss and a lifetime of work promoting and progressing environmental stewardship in Marin County and the entire Bay Area.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Twiss and his family moved to Washington, then Oregon, and finally settled in San Jose, California, when Dr. Twiss was in the second grade. After attending Willow Glen High School, Dr. Twiss graduated from San Jose State University in 1955, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Conservation. During this period, he proudly played the banjo for a band in San Francisco. He then honorably served in the Michigan Air National Guard and the United States Air Force as a tactical fighter pilot. He later earned both his Master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources.

After completing his education, Dr. Twiss opened his own consulting company, which is still active today. In this capacity, he has consulted on projects for California's Attorney General, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, and many other important agencies and environmental organizations.

Dr. Twiss was Professor of Environmental Planning at The University of California, Berkeley from 1968 to 1994. In this role, Dr. Twiss taught new generations of environmentalists all aspects of the work including planning, research, and consulting. He was also involved in graduate-level instruction on ecological planning and environmental law and served in a variety of leadership roles including as Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, and Chair of the Faculty of the College of Environmental Design. He also directed the Ph.D. program in Environmental Planning.

Among his many contributions to research on environmental planning, Dr. Twiss was Faculty Principal Investigator for the Research Program in Environmental Planning and Geographic Systems at the University of California, which developed tools and programs to allow open access to geographic information on land use, natural resources, and became the world's first web-based geographic information system in 1993. Dr. Twiss, always wanting to share his knowledge and information with others, received the patent for his system and put it in the public domain for others to use and benefit from.

Dr. Twiss enjoys spending time with his loving wife and partner Amy Skewes-Cox and their son Carson, along with his children Gregory and Gail from a previous marriage. He loves spending his time outside in nature hiking, sailing, and flying his own small plane. He is also known as an avid banjo and ukulele player, much to the delight of his friends and family.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Twiss' leadership and vision has helped make remarkable strides towards maintaining and growing environmentally sustainable practices that will benefit the region and all who work to improve the environment for generations to come. Therefore,

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please join me in recognizing Dr. Robert H. Twiss on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

HONORING PETE RICHMOND

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Richmond on the Napa Valley Grower of the Year for 2019.

Mr. Richmond's career in agriculture began in 1986 after earning a degree in Agricultural Business from California State University, Fresno. He started working for Bien Nacido Vineyards, gaining valuable experience as a vintner. Mr. Richmond went on to work for other prestigious wineries. In 1992 he was at Stag's Leap Winery; he worked at Atlas Peak Winery from 1993 to 1995; from 1995 to 2001 he was at Kendall Jackson. After spending 15 years at various wineries, Mr. Richmond founded the Silverado Farming Company, a vineyard management and client communications company. Wineries contract Silverado Farming Company to tend, field, and harvest grapes in Napa County. The company oversees vineyard management for over 600 acres of Cabernet grapes.

Mr. Richmond's passion for agriculture is not confined to the vineyard. He is involved in our community through his philanthropic efforts and the Boards on which he sits. In 2006, Mr. Richmond established the One Percent for the Community Fund, a foundation that receives one percent of gross revenue profits made by the Silverado Farming Company. The foundation uses the money to support at-risk youth in our community and help find a solution for a variety of issues that impact farm workers. Mr. Richmond is on the Farmworker Foundation Board of Directors, a past member of the Napa Valley Grape grower's Board of Directors, and an Advisory Board Member for Teens Connect. He is active in the housing community as a member of Napa Valley Community Housing and Napa County Housing Commission. Mr. Richmond is also involved with Ag for Youth and is a former Babe Ruth Baseball League Coach.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Richmond is the community member we should all strive to be. He is a person of integrity, generous and caring, and well-deserving of the title Napa Valley 2019 Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Pete Richmond here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT HAROLD OGLE, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INCORPORATED

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of Representatives DANNY DAVIS, GREGORY MEEKS, DAVID SCOTT, EMANUEL CLEAVER, AL GREEN, STEVEN

HORSFORD and myself, to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Robert Harold Ogle—a founding member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and a trailblazer in the United States Congress.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was established on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The founding members of Alpha Phi Alpha are affectionately known as the Seven Jewels. These men were pioneers in their respective fields and their accomplishments were monumental considering the racial attitudes of our nation in 1906.

Jewel Henry Arthur Callis became a practicing physician and a Professor of Medicine at Howard University. He was also the only member of the "Cornell Seven" to become General President of the fraternity.

Jewel Charles Henry Chapman was a leader in higher education and became a Professor of Agriculture at what is now Florida A&M University.

Jewel Eugene Kinckle Jones became the first Executive Secretary of the National Urban League.

Jewel George Biddle Kelley was the first African American engineer registered in the state of New York.

Jewel Nathaniel Allison Murray pursued a career in education and taught in public schools in Washington, D.C.

Jewel Vertner Woodson Tandy was the first architect registered in New York and the first African American to pass the military commissioning exam, becoming a First Lieutenant in the 15th Infantry of the New York State National Guard.

As members of Alpha Phi Alpha gather on Capitol Hill this week for Alpha Days on the Hill, it is only fitting to recognize the life and legacy of Jewel Robert Harold Ogle, who was the first known African American to have served as a professional Senate committee staffer.

Jewel Ogle was born in Washington, D.C. in 1886. He was educated at the historic M Street School, one of the nation's first public high schools for African American youth. After graduating from the M Street School, Jewel Ogle studied at Cornell University where he earned a degree in agriculture with an emphasis on business administration.

Senate records show that Jewel Ogle was originally hired in 1919 as a "laborer" for the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming. His title was changed to "messenger" for the committee in 1921, and he was finally named an "additional clerk" in 1930.

It is important that we honor Jewel Ogle, who a century ago, paved the way for African American congressional staffers today. He established and exemplified the ideals of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in leadership, scholarship, and service. At his funeral service, Jewel Nathaniel Allison recognized Jewel Ogle for "his unabated enthusiasm and his fighting spirit." As members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity visit the United States Capitol this week for Alpha Days on the Hill with a commitment to "Advocacy and Action," Jewel Ogle's "fighting spirit" goes with them, as well as with each of the Members of Congress who are proud members of this fraternity.

Madam Speaker, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been at the forefront of advocacy for our communities and in uplifting the downtrodden for 113 years. The tremendous work and ac-

complishments of this fraternity and its members would not have been possible without the Seven Jewels. And here on Capitol Hill, the legacy of Jewel Robert Harold Ogle lives on today in each of the African American congressional staffers who serve behind the scenes of this august institution. I thank Jewel Ogle for being a true trailblazer for these remarkable men and women who followed in his footsteps.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH (BETSY) PAGE ALDRICH AND HER 65 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Betsy Aldrich and her 65 years of service to the Daughters of the American Revolution. I would like to personally thank her for her service and dedication to our nation.

Betsy was born in Richmond, Virginia and raised at Shelly in "Coke" Virginia, where she resides today. She attended Mary Washington College for two years and then headed to William and Mary, where she earned a degree in philosophy. Betsy went on to teach early elementary school in Alexandria, Virginia. Betsy married her husband Robert D. Aldrich in 1951 and had two children, John Page Aldrich and Dr. Lee Aldrich Rouse.

Betsy descends from John Page of Rosewell, the 13th Governor of Virginia and Thomas Nelson, Jr, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Following in the footsteps of her heritage, Betsy has always been incredibly interested in Virginia history and is the only surviving charter member of the Augustine Warner Chapter of the DAR formed in 1953. I commend Betsy for her work with the DAR over the past 65 years and am grateful to have someone such as Betsy in our Virginia community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in the recognition of Betsy Aldrich. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have someone with such dedication and commitment. May God bless Betsy Aldrich and I look forward to seeing her continued success for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 7, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 185 and Roll Call Vote 186. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 185, and Yea on Roll Call 186.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA  
ROSENBERG

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Rosenberg, the outgoing CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health. As members of the community gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda for her leadership as a health care architect and reformer in advancing quality care for individuals with behavioral health disorders.

For 15 years, Linda has served as the President and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health. Under her leadership, the National Council has become the nation's most effective advocate for behavioral health care, serving 10 million adults, children, and families. Linda's work has played a critical role in expanding the financing for integrated behavioral health services, ensuring the passage of federal mental health and addiction parity law, as well as introducing Mental Health First Aid in the U.S. She also helped to ensure the inclusion of behavioral health services in the Affordable Care Act.

Linda's commitment to the advancement of behavioral health care can be seen throughout the duration of her career. Prior to the National Council, she served as Senior Deputy Commissioner of New York State Office of Mental Health and helped to implement New York's first Mental Health Court. She also has over 30 years of experience as certified social worker, family therapist and psychiatric rehabilitation practitioner. Linda currently serves on several boards of directors and is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. In her honor, the National Council recently granted her the Lifetime Achievement Award at their 2019 annual conference.

Madam Speaker, as we gather to celebrate Linda Rosenberg's lifetime of achievements, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her dedication and leadership in the improvement of mental health and substance services.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, while on a fact-finding mission to South America to conduct oversight of U.S. assistance and assess the situation at the Venezuelan border, I was unavoidably detained. As a result, I missed roll call votes No. 170 and No. 171. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and YEA on Roll Call No. 171.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA  
THOMASON

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Barbara Thomason for her outstanding service and profound impact as President and CEO of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce.

An accomplished Texas scholar, Barbara holds a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in Management from Houston Baptist University. She also holds a Chamber Management certification from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organizational Management, and a certification in Professional Community and Economic Development.

Prior to her service at the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Barbara had a diverse and impressive portfolio of professional experience. She served as the Dean of Corporate and Continuing Education at Lone Star College—North Harris, worked in training and development for the American General companies, and was a small-business owner of the Gymboree franchise.

She then went on to found the Northwest Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which provides scholarships and educational resources to local students. During her time with the Northwest Chamber, Barbara has proven to be a friend, leader and dedicated citizen of Houston. Throughout her years of public service, Barbara has been a model of exceptional civic duty, and has remained devoted to the advancement of Houston area businesses through grassroot level advocacy for local safety and economic development.

In 2015, Barbara was named as a Woman of Excellence by the Women's Business Forum. The following year, Leadership North Houston honored Barbara as the 2016 Distinguished Volunteer. By 2017, Barbara was selected for a position on the Executive Board on the Texas Chamber of Commerce. Each award is well-deserved, and recognizes her steadfast service to our community.

This year, Barbara is retiring following her 15 years of exceptional service to the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce. However, I know that Barbara will continue to be a leader and champion of family training and development during her next professional venture as a consultant. I am proud to join her family, friends, and colleagues in recognizing her many contributions to Northwest Houston. I thank her and I wish all the best on her next adventure.

RECOGNIZING THE 29TH ANNUAL  
D.C. BLACK PRIDE

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 29th annual D.C. Black Pride and the 50th anniversary of the Stone-wall Riots.

This Memorial Day week the National Capital Region welcomes members of the African American LGBTQ community to celebrate "Our Truths In Harmony" at the 29th annual D.C. Black Pride.

The festivities begin May 20th at 5:00 p.m. with the Damian Ministries' Black Pride Kick Off Reception and they close at 6:00 p.m. May 27th with Helping Us People Into Living's "Pride In the Park" festival at Fort DuPont Park.

On May 21st, D.C. Black Pride honors its 2019 award winners at the D.C. Black Pride Awards Reception. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) President and Chief Executive Derrick Johnson receives the President's Award. The 2019 Welmore Cook Awards go to Bishop Allyson Nelson Abrams, founder prelate and pastor of Empowerment Liberation Cathedral, her spouse, Bishop Emerita Diana Williams, and Dr. Di-Quartelai Quartey of the National Association of Retired Persons (NAARP) and the Robert H. Smith School of Business.

Steven "Kahos" Wilson, Founder and CEO of Ovah the Top Productions and Executive Director of the OASIS Dance Company, receives the Unsung Hero Award. Black Pride recognizes True Colors United Senior Program Officer Kahlib Barton with the Leadership Award. Shi-Queeta Lee, noted DMV Drag Entertainer and costume designer, is honored with the Earline Budd Award.

Black Pride acknowledges U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Impact Specialist Derrick Côméi "Strawberry" Cox as the Charlotte Smallwood Volunteer of the Year for 2019. Gail Oliver and Nana Amuah-Afenyi VI (born Peggjelene Bartles, known informally as "King Peggy"), chief of Tatum Ghana, receive the Curtis L. Etherly, Jr., Ally Award. Michael Beale of Mb Staffing Services, LLC, receives the D.C. Black Pride Small Business Award.

This year, Black Pride initiates the Alan Sharpe Award for contributions to art by awarding it to its namesake, Alan Sharpe, Founding Artistic Director of Washington, D.C.'s African-American Collective Theater.

Black Pride continues through Memorial Day with town halls, educational workshops, a poetry slam hosted by Mary Bowman, an interfaith worship service, and social events, including breakfasts, brunches, dinners and happy hours.

D.C. Black and Lesbian Gay Pride Day began my first year in Congress. On Sunday, May 26, 1991, 800 people gathered at Banneker Field on Georgia Avenue. I have watched it mature from an ad hoc event to one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations. Now D.C. Black Pride draws more than 50,000 participants from the United States, Africa, Europe and the Americas to our nation's capital.

D.C. Black Pride fostered the beginning of the Center for Black Equity (formerly known as the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc.) and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consists of 53 Black Prides on four continents. I commend the volunteer Advisory Board that assists Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., Jeffrey Richardson, Michael S. Hinson, Jr., C. Hawkins, Kenya Hutton and Genise Chamber-Woods in the planning and execution of D.C. Black Pride.

As Black Pride comes to town, I also take this opportunity to inform the celebrants and to

remind my colleagues of the various limitations Congress has placed on the District of Columbia. Despite paying more federal taxes than 22 states and paying the highest per capita federal taxes in the United States, the residents of Washington, D.C. still do not have full voting representation in Congress.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all attending the 29th annual D.C. Black Pride celebration.

HONORING A GIANT OF PUTNAM COUNTY

**HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Mr. Bill O'Dell of Putnam County:

FRIENDS AND FAMILY HONORING COMMUNITY LEADER IN PUTNAM COUNTY WHO SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY

(By Taylor Eaton)

PUTNAM COUNTY, W.VA. (WSAZ).—A man who dedicated his life to preventing teen substance abuse in Putnam County passed away suddenly on Monday.

Bill O'Dell was a community leader in many ways. He dedicated his life to substance abuse prevention across West Virginia.

O'Dell passed away while he was swimming in the pool at the YMCA in Teays Valley. Friends and family say he suffered a medical emergency.

Most of his work was centered in Putnam County. O'Dell was the director of the Putnam Wellness Coalition, a group that was formed to educate teenagers about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

O'Dell spent his time going into schools to speak to students, setting up fundraising events for the coalition and participating in different promotions around prom and graduation time. That's just to name a few.

Evan Young, who worked with O'Dell for many years, says they just wrapped up an event for Cinco de Mayo over the weekend that was geared toward making sure kids had a safe and fun environment. Most of the proceeds from the event went to the Putnam Wellness Coalition.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES H. BILLINGTON, 13TH LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join numerous colleagues in honoring the life and legacy of James H. Billington, the 13th Librarian of Congress, who died on November 20, 2018.

Before Jim Billington's appointment as Librarian of Congress in 1987, he served thirteen productive years as director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Before that, and throughout his career, he was a researcher and author, continuing to produce serious scholarship on Russian history and culture.

Jim was the inspiration behind the Open World Leadership Center, a unique Library of Congress—Legislative Branch initiative which for twenty years has administered thousands of exchange visits to the United States of professionals and other leaders from post-Soviet and post-communist states. As a current board member of Open World, I have deepened my appreciation of Dr. Billington's legacy and of the way the Center can compliment and support the House's work, through the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), to promote parliamentary development in emerging democracies.

Like many members of Congress, I have enjoyed a cordial and productive working relationship with Jim Billington for years—from the Legislative Branch Appropriations subcommittee, to Open World, to encouraging Congressional Research Service engagement with HDP's partner legislatures, to the building of programs such as American Memory—the national digital library—and the John W. Kluge Center's program for visiting scholars. In recent years, Jim and his wife Marjorie have been a welcoming presence at the wonderful Library of Congress dinners, sponsored by David Rubenstein, featuring authors of major studies in American biography and history.

Madam Speaker, Jim Billington lived a full and consequential life of scholarship, institutional innovation, and public service. We miss his cordial and collegial presence as we mourn his passing and appreciate his wide-ranging legacy. We extend gratitude and good wishes to Marjorie and their family in the hope that the outpouring of affections and appreciation will offer solace and support at this time of loss.

HONORING CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY'S FIRST RHODES SCHOLAR MR. VIDAL ARROYO

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Vidal Arroyo for being selected as the first ever Rhodes Scholar from Chapman University, a prominent research University in my district.

As one of 32 U.S. scholars selected for a Rhodes Scholarship, he will be provided all expenses for up to four years of study at the University of Oxford in England. Mr. Arroyo earned his place as a Rhodes Scholar, not only for his outstanding scholarly achievements, but for his character and commitment to his education.

I applaud Mr. Arroyo for maintaining a perfect GPA in his educational career. He has expressed his unique passion to become a new paradigm of science by striving toward his goal of creating artificial intelligence tools that are driven to treat cancer.

Mr. Arroyo comes from a humble background and is the first in his family to attend college. As a founder and President of Chapman STEMstors, he has been mentoring at-risk youth to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

While volunteering at Children's Hospital of Orange County, he was exposed to children struggling with obesity and other diseases

after being declared cancer-free; thus, motivating him to conduct research on the relationship between cancer and obesity. His passion for finding treatments for cancer is demonstrated by his drive to design artificial intelligence algorithms that can be used to personalize cancer treatment. Mr. Arroyo's contributions toward supporting and developing tools for cancer treatment could potentially impact the lives of millions around the world.

Mr. Arroyo's passion for education has been the framework of his success. As a first-generation college student, and now Chapman University's first Rhodes Scholar, he is an extraordinary inspiration to our community. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the accomplishments and career of Vidal Arroyo. Go Panthers.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID L. MCKENNA

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David L. McKenna, a legendary leader in Christian higher education, as he celebrates his 90th birthday during the month of May 2019.

Born in Michigan, Dr. McKenna received an education at Spring Arbor College, Western Michigan University, and Asbury Theological Seminary, culminating with a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Dr. McKenna served as the President of Spring Arbor College (now university), a respected Christian college in my district, from 1961 to 1968. He led the transformation of Spring Arbor from a two-year college to a baccalaureate institution and years later served as the Chairman of the Board when it became Spring Arbor University.

He went on from Spring Arbor to serve as President of Seattle Pacific University from 1968 to 1982 and as President of Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky from 1982 to 1994, completing a remarkable 33 years of presidential leadership in higher education.

Dr. McKenna and his wife, Janet, now live in Kirkland, Washington, where they remain active and continue to positively impact people's lives. For many years, he has been a prolific author, continuing to publish at least one book per year.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in wishing Dr. David L. McKenna a happy 90th birthday, and in expressing best wishes for future blessings.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RODNEY BURRESS

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Rodney Burress who passed away on April 29, 2019 at the age of 58 after decades of service to Taylor County.

Rodney faithfully served his community in multiple capacities throughout his life. He maintained local roadways during his time with the Road Department, protected the community as the County Jailer, and impacted many during his time as Taylor County Circuit Clerk. In his final years of public service, he was an especially strong supporter of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life which promotes organ donor awareness. When he was not serving his community, Rodney enjoyed spending time farming with his father, brother, and sons.

Those in Taylor County remember Rodney for his servant's heart and kind spirit. His membership in the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is a testament to these characteristics. He lived his life in faith and was a brilliant light in the community who practiced compassionate conservatism.

I join Rodney's family and friends, as well as all those he impacted, in celebrating his life of devoted service to the 1st District of Kentucky. May God continue to bless the members of his family through whom his legacy lives on.

LIFE AND SERVICE OF GARY  
TURNER

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Gary Turner of Sarcoxie, Missouri.

Born and raised in Springfield, Missouri, Gary was in the first graduating class at Glendale High School where he excelled at both academics and sports. After high school, he attended the University of Missouri-Rolla until 1968 when he got drafted into the United States Army. During his time in the military, he served in Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne, the 1st Infantry Division and finally, with the 25th Infantry Division.

After returning home, Gary continued his service to our country by co-founding a veterans' center in Springfield focused on men and women coming back from war and providing them with the resources they need to assimilate back into society. He has always said it's not what he gets, it's what he can give back.

To add to his already long list of accomplishments serving others, in 2011, Gary took over as head of the Community Foundation in Sarcoxie, which he has led ever since. Created in collaboration with a U.S. Department of Agriculture initiative to help with job creation and economic development in rural areas, the foundation is a way for residents to give to their community and see the fruits of their labor in real time, as the benefits all go directly into the community. Gary says that the foundation is a way for everyone to get involved in the community, and he hopes that the foundation will last forever. He has also been involved with Sarcoxie Board of Education and City Council and is chairman of the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council, providing grant assistance to four area counties.

Madam Speaker, as a Member of Congress it is my great pleasure to stand and recognize the lifetime of service that Gary Turner has

given to his country and local communities. He has truly earned this great honor, and I ask all Americans to join me in thanking him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING EQUITY  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill, the Federal Government Advertising Equity Accountability Act, to require all federal agencies to include in their annual budget requests to Congress the amount they spend on advertising contracts with small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) and businesses owned by minorities and women. Federal agencies would be required to provide prior and projected total expenditures for such contracts. Representatives BARBARA LEE and GWEN MOORE are cosponsors of this bill.

In 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined spending on advertising contracts with minority-owned businesses by five agencies—the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—and found that only five percent of the \$4.3 billion available for advertising contracts went to minority businesses. In light of these concerning figures, several Members of Congress and I sent a letter to the GAO in April 2016 requesting updated information on the amount of federal advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. That GAO report, released in July 2018, showed that in fiscal year 2017, only 16 percent of the federal government's advertising contract obligations went to SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The federal government is the largest advertiser in the United States, and it has an obligation to ensure equitable access to its contracts for SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women. The GAO's findings make it clear that there is still much progress to be made.

The regular collection of information on federal advertising contracts with SDBs and businesses owned by women and minorities, along with the provision of this information to legislators and stakeholders, is essential to bridging the divide between what current statistics show and a more inclusive advertising landscape. This bill would achieve these goals while also promoting transparency and encouraging federal agencies to strive to reach minorities, who often receive their daily news from smaller media outlets that serve communities of color. The requirement that agencies submit prior and projected information regarding the amount of advertising dollars spent with SDBs and businesses owned by minorities and women would allow federal agencies to evaluate their progress over time. The regular collection of this information would also demonstrate that the promotion of equity in advertising, and in all areas of government, should be a continuous effort that is important to the mission of every agency.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE CITY OF WATERTOWN ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the residents of Watertown, New York as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of the city's incorporation.

In 1796, surveyor Benjamin Wright arrived in the Black River area and plotted out the boundaries of what would later become Watertown. 73 years later, on May 8, 1869, the City of Watertown was incorporated. Those pioneering settlers had the foresight to see that the area was ideal for industry and commerce. Located centrally in Jefferson County, the Black River runs through the heart of the city. This enabled the rapid expansion of manufacturing and trading and created the perfect environment for inventors and entrepreneurs.

To this day, Watertown remains a vibrant and beautiful community that exemplifies the best qualities of The North Country and the Nation as a whole. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the residents of Watertown on this momentous occasion. It has been an honor to represent this community, and I know that the future looks bright for Watertown.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 8, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 8 answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to acknowledge these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

DeWayne C. Adams; Ronald Allan; Dale A. Allen; Ralph R. Anderson; Robert A. Anderson; Albert A. Armellino; George T. Athanasiou; Warren N. Barr, Jr.; Marvin E. Becker; Robert W. Bennett.

Arthur Berg; William F. Bike; Joseph Booko; Patrick J. Boyle; Matthias A. Burger, Jr.; Jose Cervantes; Vincent P. Connor; Bernard T. Constantine; Frank M. Craven; Paul E. Crowe.

Reginald C. Darley; Herbert E. Davidson; Theodore De Graff; John J. Debnar; Jerome A. Denault; Irwin Lloyd Dickstein; George E. Dirkes; Clarence R. Downey, Jr.; Frank E. Fabian; Harve A. Ferrill.

Robert V. Fitzgibbon; James F. Frey; Chester Gola; Ronald Goldenstem; Seymour Gottlieb; William H. Grady; Reuben T. Grissette; Gerald Handler; Walter C. Hartmann; Forrest E. Hazard.

James Holdridge; Peter N. Holt; Michael E. Hopkins; Walter D. Huseman Jr.; Lawrence J. Huttel; Will Intoe; Donald D. Jones; Arthur B. Justice; George J. Lacienc; John W. Lee.

Eugene F. Lewaniak Sr.; Herbert S. Lorman; Robert R. Machon; John S. Matecki; Mark W. McConville; Donald P. McCormick; James McEldowney; Richard McNulty; Kenneth R. Meisinger; Jack J. Micek.

Wayne C. Morganegg; Paul R. Napholz; Reynaldo Navarro; Edwin H. Nelson; John Edward Olson; Raymond F. Panek; Frank M. Pecoraro; Joseph A. Pecoraro; Harry N. Percianoff; Chester A. Perczynski.

Jerome R. Radecky; Robert Earl Reed; John L. Retterer; Frank P. Ring; Joseph F. Ring; Donald W. Rooks; Anthony C. Sabatino; George H. Sallman Jr.; Alex Saputa; Edward Schmitt.

Jerome H. Schuman; Robert V. Sharp; Kenneth Shelby; Kenneth L. Shoberg; Robert John Shouse; Ronald J. Singer; Donald E. Smith; Howard Willis Stalbaum; Howard Stark; Frederick T. Staron.

Ronald G. Steinke; Clarence B. Stone; Thomas E. Sucher; Eugene Szykowny; Robert M. Terzich; Henry Wabi; James Wagner; Cyrus T. Wax; and Thomas England Woods.

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#### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SMALL BUSINESS ACT

### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Act, which would ensure small businesses in my district have access to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Lead Center grant program, the Federal and State Technology (FAST) partnership grant program and the Microloan program. The Marianas are the only U.S. jurisdiction not included in these programs, which help small businesses access the knowledge and capital necessary to succeed and compete for federal contracting opportunities.

Last fall, our islands were struck by two catastrophic natural disasters. Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu, the second most powerful storm ever in United States history, caused widespread destruction of homes, businesses, schools and infrastructure. Under presidential disaster declarations, the SBA set up temporary disaster recovery centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to assist small businesses to apply for loans and other funds to cover damages resulting from the storms.

We are grateful for the SBA's assistance during these disasters. However, all SBA disaster outreach centers in the Marianas are now closed and our economy is projected to take years to fully recover. The SBA estimates there are over 1,700 small businesses in the Marianas which employ over 18,000 people. These businesses and employees do not have access to the full range of SBA programs to help them fully recover. My bill would correct that by ensuring access on the same basis as their counterparts across the nation, many of whom are also recovering from natural disasters.

Under my bill, the Marianas can apply to establish a Lead SBDC, which would make available around \$600,000 in renewable funding to expand the reach and capacity of the existing SBDC service center on Saipan. With additional funding, small businesses on Saipan, Tinian and Rota will have better access to free or low-cost services such as incubator workspaces for entrepreneurs, assistance with loan applications, business planning, operations, personnel administration, marketing, export assistance, sales and other areas required for small business growth and success.

The bill would benefit aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in the Marianas who are not able to access conventional loans at commercial banks. This legislation would provide them access to the SBA's Microloan program which provides loans up to \$50,000 typically not offered by banks for working capital or the acquisition of materials, supplies, or equipment. In addition, the SBA microloan program, which is designed to assist women, low-income, veteran, and minority entrepreneurs, provides marketing, management, and technical assistance to borrowers.

The Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Act would also help our small businesses participate in federal research and development opportunities. The bill includes the Marianas in the SBA's FAST partnership program which funds outreach and technical assistance to small businesses interested in competing for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. The SBIR and STTR programs have funded the development of new sources of renewable energy and low-cost technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and help give the aspiring entrepreneurs and small businesses from the Marianas access to the full range of federal resources needed to help our economy recover from disaster and make their dreams of small business ownership a reality.

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#### TRIBUTE HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE JAMES DINGLE

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judge James Dingle. Judge Dingle's life exemplified Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s admonition that "everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." Judge Dingle was great because he spent

most of his life serving the people of South Carolina.

Born November 14, 1929 in Alcolu, South Carolina, Judge Dingle often described himself as a "down home country boy who went off and made good and came back home to work in my community."

Before returning to his hometown, Dingle attended Midlands Technical College in Columbia, South Carolina and continued his education at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. He spent 30 years as a high school teacher at C.E. Murray High School in Greeleyville, South Carolina. During his tenure at the high school, Dingle strived to positively impact the lives of as many students as he could by working in various capacities—an industrial arts teacher, head football coach, athletic director, and an administrative assistant.

Dingle was appointed as a magistrate judge in Clarendon County in 1983. He was one of the first black magistrates in the state of South Carolina. Dingle loved his job and the people of Clarendon County, where he served for 12 years. Following his retirement as a magistrate judge, he became a city judge in Manning.

As a community leader, Dingle was a constant voice of encouragement for the youth in his community realizing that many of them were not surrounded by the best environments. He motivated them to receive an education and to be productive citizens. Dingle became widely known as always putting "service before self."

Judge Dingle passed away on April 29, 2019. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and the many people he has influenced during his lifetime.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this servant leader and teacher and recognizing the positive impact Judge James Dingle made in Clarendon County, South Carolina and surrounding areas.

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#### IN MEMORY OF RILEY CARL HOWELL

### HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2019*

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize Riley Carl Howell, a hero from Waynesville, North Carolina. Riley gave the ultimate sacrifice when he saved the lives of his fellow classmates at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on April 30, 2019.

I am honored and humbled to have represented a young man so full of life, courage, and selfless character. Riley Howell was fatally shot when a gunman entered his classroom at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and opened fire. Rather than fleeing, twenty-one-year-old Riley Howell bravely charged the gunman—knocking him off his feet, which enabled his classmates to find cover and allowed the authorities more time to apprehend the gunman. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police hailed Riley as a hero and stated that his bravery prevented further violence and saved his classmates' lives. Riley's selfless actions on April 30th clearly demonstrate his courage in the face of adversity—confronting danger to protect those around him—even at the risk of his own life.

My deepest sympathies go out to Riley's loved ones that are left behind to grieve his passing and honor his sacrifice. Riley's life touched many, especially his parents, Thomas Howell and Natalie Henry-Howell, and his siblings, Iris, Juliet, and Teddy. Riley was an enthusiastic student and graduated from T.C. Roberson High School in Asheville, North Carolina, before studying at Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. While in school, Riley served as a cadet in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). The ROTC motto is "Leadership Excellence"—Riley embodied the spirit of this motto in his life by helping and encouraging those around him, and ultimately by putting the safety of others ahead of his own. Riley's life brought endless joy to those around him, and his legacy of sacrificial love will continue to inspire and encourage all the lives he touched.

Riley had a tremendous impact on his community, and he will always be remembered as a hero. Riley's life was celebrated in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Riley's example of putting others first brings John 15:13 to mind, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 14

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the importance of and path to achieving mineral security, including S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, and S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine 5G, focusing on national security concerns, intellec-

tual property issues, and the impact on competition and innovation.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.  
Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine challenges in the retirement system.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on the Budget  
To hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on the perspectives of two former Chairmen.

SD-608

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 1079, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws.

SD-366

3 p.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation and Space  
To hold hearings to examine the emerging space environment, focusing on operational, technical, and policy challenges.

SD-562

MAY 15

9:30 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 Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators.

SD-538

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 411, to establish a Counterterrorism Advisory Board, S. 1275, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, S. 580, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, S. 347, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the "Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building", S. 1196, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, as the "Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building", S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2019, as "Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day", H.R. 995, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements, H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, H.R. 1608, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, H.R. 1654, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, H.R. 540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the "Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office", H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the "Congressman Bill Carney Post Office", H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building", an original bill entitled, "Improve Data on Sexual Violence Act", an original bill entitled, "Repeal Insurance Plans of the Multi-State Program Act", an original bill entitled, "Supply Chain Counterintelligence Training Act of 2019", an original bill entitled, "Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2019", an original bill entitled, "Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act of 2019", an original bill entitled, "Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2019", an original bill entitled, "Stopping Improper Payments to Deceased People Act", an original bill entitled, "Setting Manageable Analysis Requirements in Text Act of 2019", and the nominations of James A. Crowell IV, and Jason Park, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Ron A. Bloom, of New York, and Roman Martinez IV, of Florida, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

SD-342

- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
To hold closed hearings to examine an intelligence program update and global threat assessment.  
SVC-217
- Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Business meeting to consider S. 384, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States, S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood, S. 1228, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio, S. 1289, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, and S. 1294, to require Federal agencies with jurisdiction over broadband deployment to enter into an interagency agreement related to certain types of funding for broadband deployment.  
SD-G50
- Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Council on Environmental Quality.  
SD-406
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Election Assistance Commission.  
SR-301
- Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's innovation programs.  
SR-428A
- Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.  
SR-418
- 3 p.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Water and Power  
To hold hearings to examine issues and challenges at the Power Marketing Administrations.  
SD-366
- MAY 16
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's carbon capture, utilization, and storage programs, including S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology.  
SD-366
- MAY 20
- 4 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-232A
- 5 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-232A
- 5:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-232A
- MAY 21
- 9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-232A
- 11 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-232A
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Personnel  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SD-G50
- 3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-232A
- MAY 22
- 9 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-222
- MAY 23
- 12 noon  
Committee on Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.  
SR-222